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ARF: The Best Investment for Animals

ARF continues to do amazing things with your donations. In 2014, we rescued pets from puppy mills and hoarders, provided hundreds of low-cost spay/neuter procedures, and helped animals that were starving, neglected, heartworm positive, wounded by gunshots, hit by cars, and abandoned in cars. We've worked with county officials and shelter staff to bring the number of animals euthanized in our county shelter to an all-time low. We've held vaccination clinics, written grants, and used the web and social media to alert the world to the plight of our county's animals. We've transported pets to safety in other shelters. We've brought joy to our county's pets and to the hearts of new adopters.



Now, more than ever, ARF and Jackson County's pets need you. As you plan your holiday giving, consider these reasons to support the Humane Society of Jackson County (ARF):

- ARF is no-kill, rescuing more animals from the municipal shelter than any other organization, though it takes in far fewer donations than any other county animal-welfare group
- ARF has no paid employees, so your donations don't cover payroll, unemployment, or social security; no permanent building, so your donations don't cover rent, mortgage, heating, building insurance, or real estate taxes
- ARF has had 501c3 non-profit status for over twenty years, serving the community by rescue, adoption, transport, education, and spay/neuter
- ARF partners with other community organizations to extend your donations' reach and effectiveness

In the past two years, your donations have been supplemented by unprecedented grant activity and fundraising, all of which has gone directly to support foster animals, emergency rescue, and spay/neuter of community pets:

2014

- A \$35,000 PetSmart Charities grant, in conjunction with Catman2 Shelter, to provide free spay / neuter to cats in the Sylva area (continues into 2015)

Where the Money Goes		
	Cash	Benefits to Jackson County
Spay/Neuter	\$26,180	Helped to spay or neuter 844 animals since November 2013
Veterinary Services	\$13,155	Assisted hundreds of animals with surgery, emergency care, heartworms, and more
Foster/Adoption	\$4,310	72 dogs and 19 cats adopted locally
Transports (travel and vet certificates)	\$1,945	93 animals transported to other shelters

- A \$5000 grant from the Young Again Foundation
- A \$5000 grant from the Two Mauds Foundation, and \$5000 in matching funds from Jackson County to provide free and low-cost spay/neuter to those with financial need
- \$2000 from our Summer WOOFStock Fundraiser
- \$2000 from our August winetasting event

So why does ARF need your donations? Each year we spend more than we take in on spay and neuter alone, especially because we subsidize those services for low-income people out of our meager budget. But we must also pay for emergency services and foster care.

Examples of 2014 expenses:

- ARF spent \$13,508 for Vet Care and \$4310 on foster care, but received less than half those costs in adoption fees. While some organizations charge higher fees, ARF is committed to placing animals in good homes at the lowest possible cost.
- ARF paid for free vaccines for puppies and kittens that were fixed through our spay/neuter grants.
- Because our county can't provide enough homes for the pets it produces, ARF transported 93 animals out of the county to other shelters—many of which we paid to spay or neuter, test, vaccinate, and certify—without any reimbursement from receiving shelters.
- ARF collected food for low-income individuals, rescued wounded animals from the road, and used its Facebook pages to place homeless animals and reunite lost pets with their owners.



Without your help, none of that would be possible.

ARF has had a wonderful year. From November 2013 through October 2014, we facilitated in the spay and neuter of 844 animals and transported 93 dogs and cats to northeastern states. In 2014 ARF did 91 local adoptions. We're assisted in our efforts by a great network, generous support from local businesses, outstanding grant support, and wonderful volunteers. But we can't do it without your donations.

Give Local! ARF gets no funds from the ASPCA or other national groups.

If you plan to adopt a dog, make sure to find a dog that's compatible with children. Don't make the mistake of so many adopters – looking for a puppy to “grow up” with a child. Your puppy will be an adult in a year or two – unfortunately, the time that most people lose interest in a new pet. And don't get a tiny dog that can be easily injured by a child or frightened by them, resulting in accidents. Toy dogs and small children just don't mix.

A lot of dogs lose their happy home due to a baby's arrival. “Moving” and “babies” are the most common reasons why people give up a dog, but with a little planning the dog can stay and live happily ever after. Plan and practice schedules, routines, and situations ahead of time. If the baby has its own nursery or room, a baby gate will keep most dogs out. Put the gate up ahead of time, and practice going into the room with the dog remaining outside. *Reward!* If your dog knows “downs” and “down stays,” ask for them and then *reward!* If your dog does not know “down stays,” teach the dog those commands now while you have the time. The dog can be taught to settle while you go about the nursery duties.

If you plan on using a stroller for walks, practice walking the dog with an empty stroller when you are both relaxed and you don't have to worry about the baby. *Reward!* If your dog has owned the back seat in the car but this will be relegated to the baby, make the changes now. If your dog rides in a crate (which is really the safest), that's great. If not, start teaching your dog to travel in a crate now, not when the baby arrives.

When it is time to introduce the dog to the baby, take your time and **do not** force any interaction. On the big day, everyone should come in and greet the dog as they normally would. The dog should be on leash when the baby comes in. Someone needs to have treats and you guessed it: *Reward!* You want the dog to associate the new baby with lots of treats. Every time the baby enters the room, treats rain down!

Do not waste your time and breath cooing to the dog that *this is a new family member and isn't the baby cute and won't they just love each other.* Remember: **dogs don't understand English.** What the dog will understand is this: “baby equals treats.” Depending on the dog and its reaction, the dog may approach on a loose leash. Keep interactions short at first and always reward when the dog does well.

Remember: Supervise all interactions, and keep them safe. Dozens of videos on the Internet show toddlers in dogs' faces. They all make me cringe! One wrong move and no one's life will ever be the same again.



Note: for other Tips from Jane, see her column at <http://www.a-r-f.org> or her Facebook page, *Courteous Canine of Jackson County.*

This year, ARF volunteers together with the folks at Sylva Animal Hospital, Catman2, and Jackson Animal shelter took their message of spay/neuter to the mountains, participating in two donations-only vaccine clinics in Tuckasegee to promote the PetSmart Charities Cullowhee dog grant (now completed) as well as ARF and Catman2's other spay/neuter grants, the PetSmart Charities/Catman2 Sylva Cat grant (continuing in 2015) and the \$5,000 Two Mauds grant, which was matched this year by Jackson County.

These grants helped ARF and its partners to make a real impact on animal overpopulation.

ARF's PetSmart Charities grant (\$20,000 for dogs in the Cullowhee area) enabled ARF to provide free spay/neuter to almost 400 dogs in 2013-4. Thanks to the community members who turned out, shelter surrenders and euthanasia hit an all-time low (about a third as many dogs were put down in 2013 as were euthanized in 2011).



In 2014 ARF received \$5,000 from the Two Mauds Foundation. Not only did grant writer extraordinaire Jean Lewis successfully apply for this grant, but her work with Veronica Nicholas helped win matching funds from Jackson County and insured a second year of the grant. The Two Mauds grant provides free spay / neuter to pets owned by people on financial assistance such as food stamps and disability. It also provides discounts to low-income individuals and those who undertake to fix roaming cats in their neighborhood.

Finally, ARF partnered with Catman2 to win a \$35,000 grant to spay /neuter cats in the greater 28779 delivery area (including Sylva, Balsam, Dillsboro, and Webster). Since December 2013, this partnership successfully fixed 348 cats and prevented a host of unwanted litters, and it will continue in 2015 until funds run out. Although euthanasia of cats at the shelter is still too high, about half as many cats were put down in 2013 as were euthanized in 2011.

The Sylva Cat grant was a huge team effort, and hosts of volunteers went above and beyond to make it and every spay neuter trip happen: grant writers Mary Adams and Catman2's Kaleb Lynch; ARF spay/neuter volunteers Paul Novak, C-Bass Pope, Nory Prochaska, Susan Metcalf, Pat Jones, Dela O'Neal, Ken and Marcia Depeau, Curtis Wood, Catherine Carter, Victor Haynes, Karl & Veronica Nicholas, and Jean Lewis, to name a few; statistician-extraordinaire Trish Morgan and Treasurer Jane Finneran; the Asheville Humane Alliance & the Sylva Animal Hospital; PetSmart Charities & the Two Mauds Foundation; the Jackson County Commissioners, Animal Control, and Health department; and many others.

Finally, none of these efforts would have been possible without the courageous leadership of Carole Wood, our long-time spay/neuter coordinator, who's stepping down this year. Carole's patience, kindness, and level-headed charm will be sorely missed, and nothing at ARF will be the same without her. We wish Carole, her family, her dogs, birds, and chickens luck in their next chapter of life on Earth.



STELLAR SKELLATOR: A PARTIAL HISTORY BY HER RESCUER, MELISSA MORRIS.

April 1. This is Stellar on day one. It was bitter cold and we had snow flurries that were blowing sideways. She had been spotted three days before at a friend's farm, had been mistaken for a coyote late at night and even cornered under a car by two well seeming dogs. This particular afternoon, I believe she would have died if not brought inside and given food. Her body



seemed to be all bone and dull fur, and her eyes held no interest. She was a dead dog walking. She didn't struggle when I picked her up; she simply did not have the energy.



April 10. Stellar's first visit to the vet... The compassionate Dr. Bragg gave her a favorable outcome and antibiotics for broken teeth and she weighed in at 20lbs. This little girl has a great chance at a good life.

April 24. To date, this hound has gained 14lbs, learned how to wag her tail and play, comes when I whistle (sometimes) and has known constant food, shelter and affection. In just under a month she's come a long way from when she was found. Many thanks to ARF, The Sylva Animal Hospital, and all who made it possible.

May 14. It came as a small surprise when Stellar was picked up from her spay surgery this afternoon to learn that she had been shot on the head. Several pieces of metal fragment were lodged in her tiny head via X-ray, and she has a new (recovering) incision between her eyes about 3" long, stitches and



all... Little FrankenStellar. To think about what this creature has gone through blows my mind. I doubt I'd survive a shot to the head and near starvation.... Right now she's feeling pretty rough and still a wee bit drunk from surgery. Let's continue to hope for the best and I'm sure she'll make a full recovery.

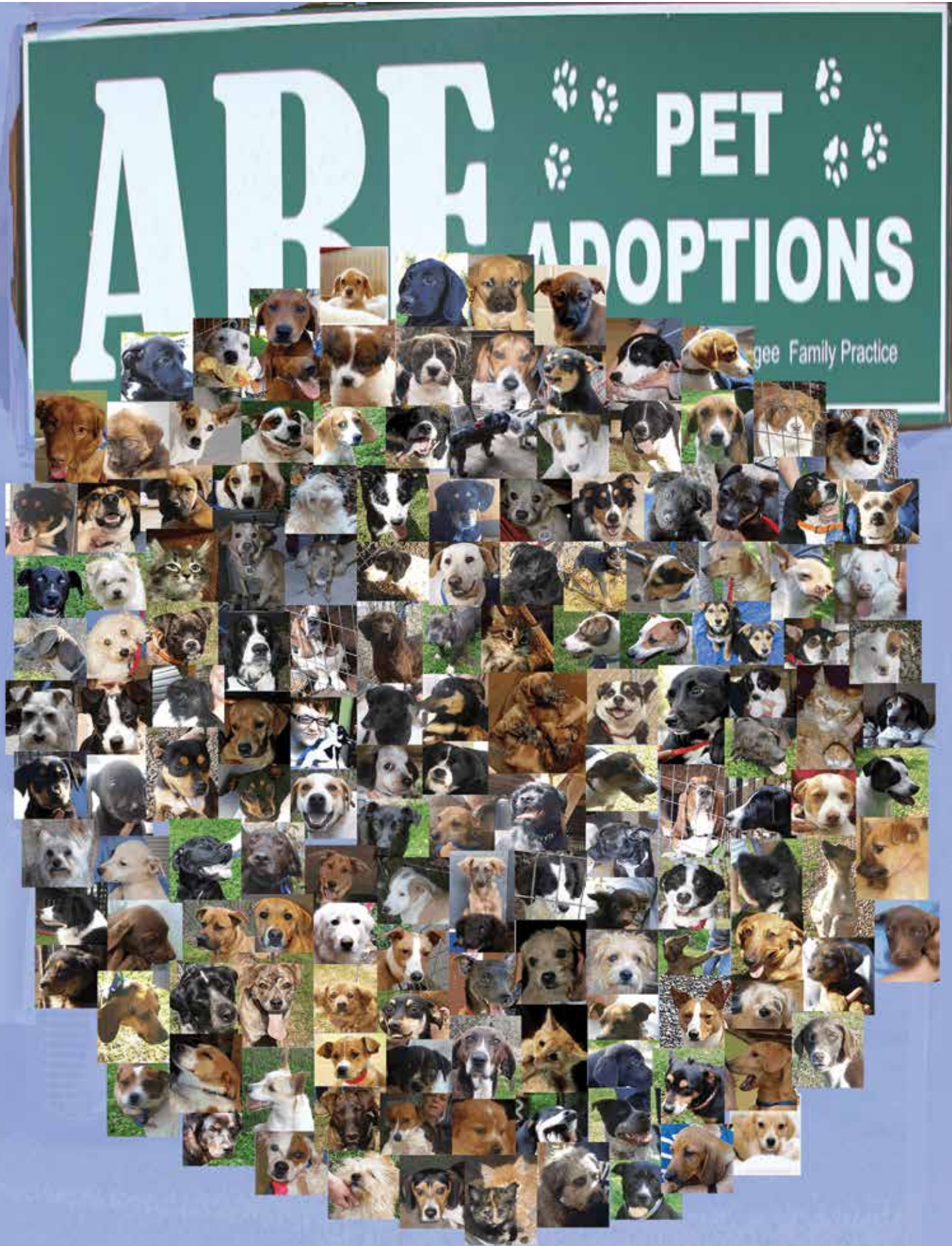
October 9: Great news, someone is coming to visit Stellar and is considering adoption. Fingers crossed.

October 17: With any luck, Stellar goes to her new home next week. Here's hoping she gets the wonderful life she deserves.



Shirley Bones was rescued from cruelty, earning her name because of her visible bones. She required immediate eye surgery due to blunt force trauma, and ARF provided her care with the help of Sylva Animal Hospital, despite the fact that hounds are difficult to place. I fostered her where I work at Catman2 & decided I just couldn't let her go. Shirley is now an employee of the Catman2 Shelter where she helps cats acclimate to living with dogs and makes them more adoptable. She is the official Canine-Feline Relationship Coordinator and takes her job very seriously! Shirley is the most beloved hound in all of Jackson County. Thank you ARF for helping my very best friend—I would be lost without her! ~Kaleb

These dogs were part of a larger rescue from a hoarding situation, and almost all have since found wonderful homes, thanks in part to new foster parents who stepped in, including Meradith Marceline, Nancy Little, Erica Waldrop, the folks at WNC large breed rescue, and especially little dog lady extraordinaire Grace Balcom Phillips. Working together, we can do wonders!



We're Adopted!

These are just a few of the many dogs, puppies, cats, and kittens who found homes through ARF from fall 2013 through October 2014. This effort takes plenty of work. Each adoptable animal must be treated for fleas and parasites, tested for heartworms and lyme disease or leukemia, given a series of vaccinations, and spayed or neutered. Some animals require many more medical services as well as work on housetraining and socialization. Animals who go north must meet rigorous temperament testing standards and receive health checks. Additional paperwork must be completed—all before volunteers can be found to ferry the crew through the night until they reach their new homes in New Jersey, Atlanta, and Florida. Volunteer drivers get a quick afternoon's nap before returning to Jackson County, and the longer transports process takes about three days.

We take these steps because our small county still has an enormous burden of unwanted animals—always far more than we can help. ARF gets so many calls and emails on a daily basis that we can't possibly answer them all. As so many well-intentioned rescuers have found, we have far more animals than all of us working together can find homes for.

Please help us. ARF needs money, foster homes, drivers, supplies, fundraisers, and spay/neuter trip assistance. And more and more of the same!



Daniel's long drama began when this panic-stricken giant pup darted into the house of ARF volunteer Jean Lewis's neighbor around 11 PM. He raced through the door, ran up the stairs, jumped on the owner's bed, and refused to leave. After determining that she was ill-equipped to bed--Jean called 911, who patched her through to Chris Tyson, who left his home in the middle of the night to escort Dan to the shelter.

This might have been the end, but shelter staff and volunteers like Allison Hancock Padgett fell in love with Dan and were determined to save him. Jean told ARF foster Mary Adams the story, so she decided to rescue him when she had space. In the meantime, Kessa Thomas took the beautiful picture above and posted it on The Underground Tailroad's page, where it eventually caught the attention of Beka Chandler, a generous woman in Ashland Oregon. Beka didn't skimp, but purchased a large crate and a plane ticket to make sure Dan arrived in style.

Meanwhile, Dan stayed with his foster parent, who arranged for his care, vetting (spay/neuter, worming, vaccines, flea and heartworm prevention, and a course of antibiotics), and got up at the crack of dawn with Jean Lewis to get him to the airport. It turns out to be much harder to ship a dog than Delta's web site lets on! ARF volunteers went 10 rounds with Delta staff--but Dan got on the plane and made it to Oregon.

Lots of folks had a hand in Dan's rescue: The Pet Stop gave a discount on the crate, the vets charged rock bottom for services, and many members of our community shared his photo and got him to safety. For ARF volunteers, this kind of work--vetting, rehab, socialization, care, and the kind of deep attachment they make with these pets--is a labor of love, and it's also labor-intensive. Every rescue involves dozens of hours of driving, vetting, feeding, walking, bathing, wrangling--not to mention a lot of emotion. Many of our volunteers have been putting in this kind of time for years--back when there was no shelter, no affordable spay/neuter, no veterinarians willing to provide low-cost services for nonprofits, and no Internet!

To all of our volunteers, and to an increasing number of our community supporters, we thank you. We couldn't do it without you.

I would be happy to promote fostering in any way that I can. I didn't think I could do it. I know others have done much more but since this was a success I am a zealot! I was afraid that I could not foster without falling in love and ending up with another dog. I did fall in love but realized that if I kept him I could only save one. By letting him go and I can save many and will build a legacy of love. ~ Sally Johnnessen



Who's Who?
ARF and the Jackson Shelter

Many confuse ARF (Humane Society of Jackson County) with one of its most important community partners, the Jackson County Animal Shelter. We recently interviewed Chris Tyson, the shelter director, to help our readers learn a little more about our working partnership and the differences between us.

Though ARF and the Jackson County Animal Shelter are separate entities, they work together toward a common goal of animal welfare. ARF and other animal welfare organizations transfer shelter dogs and cats into their adoption/transport programs, which means fewer animals have to be euthanized at the Shelter due to space constraints. "I really appreciate the work that ARF does," Tyson told us. "It really helps." "ARF and Catman2's recent spay/neuter grants mean that we have not seen a litter of puppies or kittens at the shelter recently." When puppies do come in, Tyson says he can count on help from ARF and Catman2.

That means the number of animals requiring Shelter euthanasia due to space restrictions has steadily declined for the last three years. For example, the shelter took in 657 dogs in the 2011 fiscal year, 538 in 2012, and 513 in 2013. Dog euthanasias dropped from 215 in fiscal year 2011 to only 101 in 2013 (and only 15 in the first four months of the 2014 fiscal

year)! What accounts for the difference? "Transfers help, of course. We've seen a real surge in adoption and volunteerism due to our new Facebook page (Friends of Jackson County Animal Shelter – NC)," Tyson added with a nod to Allison Padgett, who helps manage the page. "But the biggest factor has been low-cost spay and neuter."

What does the Shelter need to function better? "A new shelter," says Tyson. But if that won't happen any time soon, the staff would love some renovations. After all, the shelter has not grown in over 30 years, while the population of Jackson County has increased tremendously. "More office space, a greeting area for the public, a separate area for bathing animals so that animals don't have to be euthanized in the bathing space, and a separate intake entrance and exit for dogs are some of the shelter's most pressing needs. And isolation rooms for new puppies and kittens might not be so bad, either.



	2011		2012		2013	
	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats
Animals Taken In	657	468	537	552	513	389
Animals Transferred to Rescue Groups	80	17	172	81	187	80
Animals Adopted	254	134	200	113	201	113
Animals Euthanized	228	314	215	275	101	192

The Friends of Jackson County Animal Shelter – NC: A Collaborative Partnership

What's the secret to engaging our community in the plight of pets at a tiny, remote, mountain-top shelter? In 2014, a group of friends may have found one answer. Rescuers from ARF and Catman2, along with Allison Padgett and Diane Parker, decided to start a Facebook page. Knowing that shelter staff were too overworked to keep it up, this group of dedicated volunteers committed to photographing animals, posting success stories, and telling the heartbreaking tales of abandoned animals and the wonderful efforts of heroic staff and volunteers to save them. Several days a week, as new animals come in, these volunteers take pictures, walk dogs, reach out to interested parties, and get the word out.

Some don't realize that this shelter must take all the pets that no-kill shelters can't help and that foster groups just can't absorb. They don't realize that Animal Control Officers must deal with dead animals, trapped wildlife, cruelty cases, bite complaints, and a host of angry phone calls.

The results so far? Amazing. Already over 1500 people have liked the page, shared the out to their friends. Wonderful donors from Cashiers bought ad space to alert that part of the county to these time-limited babies. Visits are up, adoptions have increased, and the shelter is suddenly a much, much happier place to be. Why not visit this page and share its message of

hope: don't breed, don't shop—Adopt!

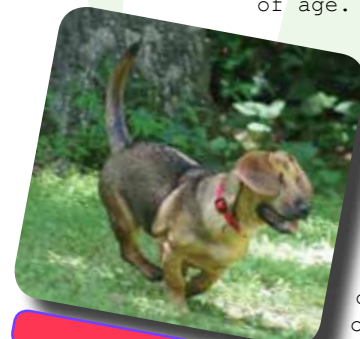


Allison Padgett

Neutering your dog: Weighing the alternatives

Do you identify with your male pooch? Want to keep your dog from reproducing without robbing him of his manhood? Alternatives, although expensive, do exist. Here's a quick overview of your options:

- Conventional castration.** This procedure is the most readily available. According to WebMD, its advantages are that it reduces the "roaming, the pee-peeing, freaky behavior around bitches in heat, and the triple terror of testicular tumors." It involves removing the dog's testicles and sperm ducts. When performed early, it reduces many health issues (especially cancer) but may cause different problems (increased chance of lymphosarcoma, cruciate ligament tears, and hip dysplasia in males). ARF routinely offers this procedure through the Asheville Humane Alliance for free or low-cost.
- Vasectomy.** Although this procedure is not commonly available here, some vets say it's less invasive than castration. It reduces the chance of delayed closure of bone growth plates (leading to taller, leaner pets) and can be performed as early as eight weeks of age. The male still has his



Lucy Hazelrigg

testicular tumours, however, since it doesn't remove the source of testosterone, it doesn't alter the behavior issues that some object to in unneutered males (mounting, marking, and roaming), and it doesn't lower the risk of testicular tumors, perineal hernias, perianal adenomas, and benign prostatic enlargement. Some vets now recommend this procedure for those breeders who insist on a "no breeding" contract for their litters but don't see how to enforce it.

- Zeutering.** "Zeutering" is a process by which male dogs are sterilized by injecting zinc gluconate ("zeuterin"). It's the least invasive and costs the least (\$5 to \$25). It has the fewest risks of complications, is considered painless (although it doesn't look that way), and doesn't require anesthesia. Zeutered dogs are sterile but lose only half their testosterone. That means some of the behaviors and health risks associated with testosterone (see above) remain. Advantages? Some of the health risks

associated with early spay neuter (reduced muscle tone and cruciate ligament disease) may be reduced.

What's the right choice? Veterinarians in our area emphasize that while all alternatives involve some risks, conventional spaying and neutering has the fewest risks for the most gain. They emphasize that the behavior problems associated with testosterone are a common reason why adolescent male dogs get surrendered or abandoned.

But if you want to keep your male from reproducing while keeping his manhood, you do have alternatives. Last time we checked, canine vasectomies were available through Best Friends Animal Hospital in Fort Myers, Florida, and Brookwood Animal Clinic in Jackson, Georgia. The Spay/Neuter Assistance Program offers Zeutering as close as Henderson County (see <http://www.snap-nc.org/>). And if you're just worried about appearances, a company called Neuticles will neuter your dog while equipping him with a handsome set of testicular implants!

I originally saw Atalanta, now Shiloh, at Common Sense for Animals in NJ in August 2011 and asked to foster her. As is custom with all my foster pups, I brought her over to my grandparents' house, and they were in love with her from the get-go. It wasn't long before they officially adopted her!

I was very worried at first, because I couldn't even tell you the last time my grandparents had a dog, but she keeps them young. Whenever she has an upset stomach, my grandmother cooks up chopped meat for her and specifically marks it in the fridge as "Shiloh's" food. My grandfather even keeps a scrapbook of pictures and records of Shiloh, and on her first birthday they threw her a small party!

Shiloh is an amazingly hilarious dog. She gets the "zoomies" (our name for when she jumps on the table, sneaks a lick of my grandfather's coffee/sambuca mix, and runs off again) and she loves to sit on the couch with her arm on the sofa, staring intently at the T.V. (her favorite channel is the Hallmark channel). Shiloh is far from a perfect dog, but she is a huge part of the family, and is so loved.

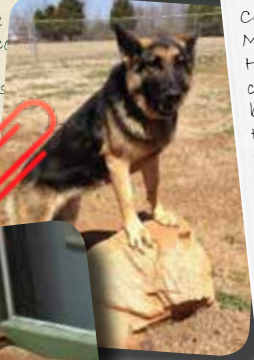
Thank you SO MUCH for rescuing her and fostering her. Without you saving her, a piece of our family would be missing. ~ Tyfane Fortune



	Humane Society of Jackson County (ARF)	Jackson County Animal Shelter
Entity	Private, 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization	Part of the Jackson County Health Department
Purpose	To prevent cruelty to animals, relieve suffering of animals, promote spay/neuter, and extend humane education	To provide animal control and protect public health by enforcing state rabies laws. Also does stray pick-ups, adoptions, and handles bites
Funding	Donations, adoption fees, grants, and fundraisers	Jackson County budget, donations from the public, and adoption fees
Programs	Provides foster care in volunteer homes; adoption; transporting to no-kill shelters; administering a bi-monthly, low-cost spay/neuter program; humane education; lost pet service; pet food and vet-cost help to needy cases	Houses animals awaiting adoption or return to owners, performs quarantine and stray pick-up, and works animal cruelty and negligence cases
Personnel	ARF is an all-volunteer organization that was founded in 1978 and incorporated in 1995.	Jackson County funds four Animal Control Officers. Other volunteers walk dogs, maintain web and Facebook presence, and photograph animals
Facility	Two utility sheds used for pet adoption, spay/neuter registration, and staging area for trips; foster care in volunteers' homes (number of foster homes varies with number of volunteers)	Shelter was built around 30 years ago. It has 15 dog runs, 15 cages for cats (6 large and 9 small). Dog and cat enclosures are heated, thanks to a generous JC donor
Procedures	ARF is a no-kill organization except in cases of extreme behavior problems or illness. Foster pets remain in care until adopted or transported	Animals are housed in the Shelter awaiting adoption or return to owners. Shelter euthanizes due to space limits, illness, etc.
Contact	1-877-273-5262 50 Railroad Avenue, Sylva, NC	828) 586-6138 463 Airport Road, Sylva, NC After hours Animal bites – 828-586-1911 Monday-Saturdays 9-12 and 2-4
Hours	1-3 on Saturdays for Adoptions or contact foster parents by appointment	http://animal.jacksonnc.org
Web	http://www.a-r-f.org	https://www.facebook.com/jacksonanimalshelter.nc
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/arfets	

More Success Stories

Here's a recent photo of Miley, an ARF rescue from 2 years ago; on a Sat afternoon in August, ARF called me to see if I could take her. She had heartworms had to go thru the treatment, then ARF spayed her... and three months later, my nephew in Burlington adopted her; she now lives the "life of Miley" there with German Shepherd Rico, his retired police dog, and with John's daughter Sarah, who adores Miley! She lives inside with the family but has the run of a huge fenced backyard where she keeps Rico in shape during his retirement with lots of games of chase and "Who gets the KONG?" (she usually wins!)
 ~ Margo Gray



Last May when we saw the photo of a small, covering, abandoned dog on Cowee Mountain, we told our friend Mary Adams that we'd take him. He arrived so traumatized that we couldn't reach into the cage for fear of being bitten. Somehow we managed to get him through the next couple of weeks, during which our daughter Cory began to give him a great deal of soothing attention. Eventually he trusted her enough to climb into her lap as she sat on the floor, and now he has become a full-fledged member of our canine family. He especially loves to have Cory scratch his belly! She calls him her little ragamuffin. He's a happy little guy, still with a few trust issues, but we enjoy having him with us.
 ~ Kay Byer

Just checking in with new pictures. Yesterday, Honey Bun weighed in at 33 lbs. She was 26 lbs when we picked her up on July 10th. The bigger dimension of growth has been her length as you can see from her pictures. She has been chipped, and has all of her shots including Lyme's. She will "graduate" from puppy school later today. Nellie (2 1/2 year old mini Aussie) is the alpha dog, but Honey Bun thinks that she is. Nellie loves Honey Bun almost as much as we do.
 ~ Pat Lewis



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