



Thank You for Rescuing Us!



Patrick Sullivan/Times News

When Noah arrived at our adoption center, he had medical ailments ranging from intestinal parasites, infected wounds, all the way to heartworms. Blue Ridge Humane Society is so grateful to be surrounded by such an animal loving community that donated towards Noah's medical treatment. He stayed two days and nights at a local vet clinic for heartworm treatment. He is on steroids and antibiotics only for another month and is LOVING his snuggle time with us!

With the help of so many people, Noah was rescued from a depressing life in a small muddy dog lot. Our staff nursed him back to health, and now the biggest part of Noah's journey is yet to come. We received over 1,000 phone calls, emails and Facebook messages about Noah - and it's time now for someone to come in to meet this handsome, sweet guy! Please help us find Noah a forever home! Even if your house is currently at capacity on pets, please be an ambassador for Noah - share a photo of him on your Facebook page or Instagram account!



Noah is a survivor--even after spending night after cold night in a wet and muddy dog pen, he never gave up hope. That sad isolation is miserable for a lap dog like Noah. He's a super calm guy that wants nothing more than to be cuddled. If you or someone you know is looking for a loyal canine companion with a heart of gold, Noah is YOUR guy!
Call us at 828-685-7107.



I first "met" Maxwell when I was shooting a video at Blue Ridge Humane Society for a fundraiser Flat Rock Playhouse was producing. He and his siblings had just been dropped off, and this little roly poly nugget caught my attention right away. He was far too young to be adopted at this point, so I went on with my life and, honestly, had forgotten about him until I met up with my friend Caroline Gunther for a Pup Crawl that ended at Southern Appalachian Brewery. We walked in, and there he was sitting in his pen and grabbing my attention right away. I was hooked. I deliberated for about five minutes, signed on the dotted line and took little Maxwell home that day. He has somewhat become the unofficial mascot of Flat Rock Playhouse and I honestly can't imagine my life without him. He's just the best.

Thanks, BRHS, for bringing my buddy to me!

Dane Whitlock
Marketing and Communications Director
Flat Rock Playhouse





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*Providing second chances
since 1950*

*Blue Ridge Humane Society
is dedicated to reducing the
overpopulation of companion
animals in Henderson County and
to improving their quality of life
through adoption, collaboration,
and community education.*

Want to help a shelter animal?
Donate to BRHS,
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Not ready for a full-time
commitment, why not try
fostering an animal in your
home? Eventhough their stay
in your home is temporary,
fostering changes lives forever.

A Few Things BRHS Has Been Up To. . .

14th Annual Bearfootin' -- Meet Our "Promise"



The Bears are back on Main Street! Twenty-one new and super stylish bears grace Main Street again. Each bear represents a local non-profit. The non-profits receive a percentage of the auctioned price of their bear! We are particularly proud of our "Promise" Bear. She is located on the third block of Main Street in front of Wag! Pet Boutique. "Promise" was painted by Bethany Joy Adams (www.bethanyjoyart.com), Art Director for the Boys and Girls Club.

Be sure to visit the bears this summer and don't miss the auction on October 22 at 4:30 at the Downtown Flat Rock Playhouse on Main Street.

Food, Music and Bears!

Barq in the Park



Thank you to WTZQ, Animals R Us, BMW of Asheville and Mountain Lodge & Conference Center for another wonderful event! We sent 7 lucky pups home that day and had a total of 17 adoptions for the weekend. Thanks to the Sanctuary Brewing Company for keeping the crowd hydrated with delicious beverages and donating a percentage to BRHS!

Theatre with the Stars

In her acting debut, Lutrelle O'Cain, Executive Director of BRHS, was coached by Lynn Llewelyn Penny in a skit that humorously emphasized the importance of neutering male pets. Lutrelle got her point across and won \$3,200 for the Blue Ridge Humane Society, all of it to be spent on neutering!



Super Bowl Party

Mike Griffin at The Dugout hosted the 3rd Annual Super Bowl Party for BRHS. Guests enjoyed a buffet and beverages while cheering for their team and supporting the Blue Ridge Humane Society. Thanks to Mike and the staff at The Dugout!



Educating Our Future Adopters



During the first week of May we stopped by Hands On! A Child's Gallery on Main Street to celebrate National Pet Week. You may have seen us on WLOS! Children were greeted by a barrage of adoptable puppies. They were accompanied by a prestigious alumnus of Blue Ridge Humane Society and Canine Good Citizen graduate, Reese (a border collie mix) and his human, Ruthie. We took advantage of this unique opportunity to educate visitors about the importance of understanding their pets in order to become better future pet owners.

Ever been in a room full of children when a puppy walks in? The amount of joy that fills the room could blow the roof off! The bond between an animal and a child can be a very deep connection. Fostering that bond at a very young age instills further empathy and compassion toward animals. The more time children spend with animals, the more they begin to understand that animals are not only cute but they require food, shelter, water, and most importantly, love. During this time children begin to understand that animals have feelings, the same feelings they themselves have. When they understand this, they then begin to understand that animals share similar needs. With that, a strong lifelong bond begins, a bond that creates future animal advocates and future adopters.

We will be expanding our community outreach and education efforts within the coming months. Please stay tuned for some exciting new programs! If you are interested in having us visit your organization or group, please contact Angela at aprodrick@blueridgehumane.org.



Volunteers in Action!

Blue Ridge Humane Society is honored to have incredibly dedicated volunteers. Our volunteers work tirelessly to ensure that we are constantly moving forward in our efforts to protect homeless pets in our community. From sorting donations at our thrift store to cleaning dishes at the shelter, our volunteers do it all. Without them we would not be able to save the lives of hundreds of animals each and every year.



In just the first quarter of 2016 the thrift store volunteers clocked over 5,000 hours of service totaling over \$41,000 in saved labor costs. Several of those volunteers put in over 100 hours in a single month. With numbers like that, it's safe to say our volunteers are not just the

backbone of BRHS--they are the heart and soul.

We are always looking for new volunteers. Do you love animals? Well, walking a grateful dog or feeding a tiny kitten at the shelter is your perfect volunteer gig. If working in the shelter isn't the right place for you, try volunteering at our thrift store. If you're not interested in a regularly scheduled shift, help out at a few of our special events. Not too much of a people person but are great with computers? We'd love help with our IT



and website. The opportunities are endless. If you have a special skill or talent you're looking to put to good use, we have a place for you.

If you are interested in joining our phenomenal community of hardworking volunteers, please contact Angela at aprodrick@blueridgehumane.org. We'd love to have you on board!



Best upscale Thrift Store in Henderson County !



**We have a
NEW
LOOK
and a
NEW
LAYOUT!**

Thank you to our loyal customers for creating the fun that we have each day in the Thrift Store! Most shoppers are joyful, playful, and excited to find incredible deals. Our staff and volunteers love getting to know our customers; they quickly become part of the BRHS Thrift Store family.

In an effort to continually improve our thrift store, we have a new look and a new layout! We've streamlined departments, changed clothing racks, and opened up the store floor. This has allowed us to display even more merchandise and yet the store looks roomier than ever. We've expanded our Ladies Boutique department with even more high-end clothing. We've also expanded and moved our Men's Boutique section. We love it and think you will, too!



What does the Thrift Store need? We appreciate all donations, but we especially need gently used furniture in good shape. When we sell good furniture (current, vintage or antique), it generates a great

deal of money that goes toward things like food, medicine, and surgeries for the animals in our shelter. We offer FREE PICKUPS for large items or large quantities of items. If you need this service, call our separate **Pickup Line (828-620-3150)** and leave a message. Our scheduler will call you back and work with you to set a convenient pickup time.

We know there are many wonderful nonprofits in the area, so we are very grateful when you choose us for your donations. We gladly accept drop-off items Monday through Saturday from 10am to 4pm. That is a half hour after opening and a half hour before closing. Due to limited staff, we cannot accept donations on Sundays, and please do not leave donations outside when we are closed. **Thank you for your continued support!**

*I have the best job in the world! I come to work each day and see lives changed. Thanks to our volunteers, donors, co-workers, our community and of course, all of our sweet animals, every day is meaningful. I appreciate the dedication and motivation of our volunteers and staff so much! Together we are making a huge impact in animal welfare in Henderson County.
Thanks for all you do. ~ Lutrelle, BRHS Executive Director*

Save the Date!
6th Annual Wags to Riches
October 8, 2016



Hendersonville Country Club
6:30 ~ 10:30 Dinner, Dancing & Silent Auction
TO BENEFIT OUR SHELTER ANIMALS



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We Are Celebrating 2015 !!

931 ~ Animals taken in to our shelter

540 ~ Rescued from Henderson County Animal Services

911 ~ Adoptions

842 ~ Animals spayed/neutered

150 ~ Pet owners provided with emergency medical services

86.2 ~ Cents of every donated dollar provides services for our animals

Help us do even better in 2016!

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