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## Shelter and Store...But So Much More



### Lucy's Forever Home!



"Lucy is one of those dogs that can pluck a heart string from a mile away just by making eye contact. She defines the term soulful companion, and no matter what she is always so happy to see you! She has that butt wiggle dance down pat and watching her performance will always entice a smile... . If you are looking for a gentle, patient, sincere, and loyal dog friend, it's fate that you come by and meet Lucy!"

So wrote Karla Pan, Assistant Shelter Director, and she nailed it! Fate indeed stepped in for both Lucy and Teresa Stone, receptionist at Apple Valley Animal Hospital, when the Shelter brought Lucy there for surgery on a seriously overgrown mammary tumor.

Lucy's owners just could not afford the required medical treatments, so Lucy was surrendered to BRHS. Knowing she needed immediate help, the Shelter provided emergency medical funds for Lucy's tumor to be removed at Apple Valley. That fateful day Teresa was working at the hospital, and after meeting Lucy and hearing her story, she thought, "I want that dog!" Thinking, though, that the owners might reclaim Lucy if her medical problems were solved, Teresa didn't get her hopes up until Lucy came back to have her sutures removed two weeks later. Sadly, with Lucy's diagnosis of cancer, her owners hoped the Shelter could find Lucy a new home. Teresa took one look into Lucy's loving eyes, and that soulful deep connection sparked. That's all it took.

After two more tumor removals, Lucy still has cancer. Teresa knows their days together are numbered. But until that parting day comes, Lucy will have a forever home and Teresa will ensure each day's a happy one for Lucy. In fact, says Teresa, "Lucy doesn't know she's sick - she's the happiest, the sweetest, most loving dog. Our lives together are full as we enjoy each day. I love this dog, I just love this dog."

### Mac's Forever Home!

We adopted a dog? Really? I thought so too. But when Mac joined our family in February, we started walking almost 20 miles a week. We have made new dog park friends that we would have never met without Mac. Restaurants, shopping, and social activities are all chosen based on whether they are dog friendly. I find myself not doing activities that would exclude him, which has surprisingly saved money. So did we adopt a dog? Yes, but also a personal trainer, social secretary, and even a financial planner!

It can be hard to open your heart to a new pet when you know how sad and lonely losing one is, but I had been getting closer and closer the last few years. I had started to check out Blue Ridge Humane Society's web page every once in a while, but no furry, four-leggeds had tempted me. Not until I saw 3-month old Mac on Valentine's Day this year. Mac was at the Shelter with five of his brothers and sisters and he stood out in person just as he had online. Less than an hour later, he was in our car on the way to our home, his forever home.



I love his cuddles in the morning and all the wiggles when I come home from work. I knew Mac would change our lives, but I had no idea how satisfying those changes would be.

Karla Edwards  
Director, Service Excellence and Organizational Development  
Pardee Hospital



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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.*

Donate to BRHS,  
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Not ready for a full-time  
commitment? Why not try  
fostering an animal in  
your home?  
Even though their stay  
is temporary, fostering  
changes lives forever.

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**COMMUNITY PET FOOD PANTRY**

Our community is generous to us and we appreciate it. One way of showing our appreciation and our steadfast commitment to all animals in our community is to help feed pets in need.



If we can assist a pet owner that is struggling to feed their pet, we might be the key to that pet staying with its family and never becoming another shelter animal looking for a home. Imagine the stress and anguish of a family having to surrender their beloved family pet because they cannot provide food. BRHS wants to keep pets and their families together.

In order to do that, pet owners requesting assistance must be a Henderson County resident, and the owner of the pet must be the one to fill out the application which is on our website ([www.blueridgehumane.org](http://www.blueridgehumane.org)). Additional qualifications to receive food assistance are that household income must be less than \$30,000 and the pet must be spayed or neutered. If the pet is not spayed or neutered, we will supply food, but we will make an appointment at no cost to the owner to have the procedure completed in the next 30 days unless the pet has health issues.

Approximately 200 community pets have received food assistance from us, and we have assisted 18 of those families with spay and neuter procedures, as well. The Community Pet Food Pantry is a huge expense to our organization. We apply for grants and hold food drives throughout the year to offer this program. Businesses and individuals have stepped up to help host the food bank. Dr. Pete Richards and his staff at Richards Dental Care on an annual basis collect supplies for our pet food pantry. Thank you Dr. Pete, Jan and staff for all your help!



**VETERINARY EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

The Emergency Medical Assistance Fund assists pet owners who own a companion pet that needs qualifying emergency medical treatment, such as accidental poisoning, broken bones, unexpected surgeries, and life threatening diseases, not routine medical care.

BRHS will provide a voucher up to \$250 to the veterinary clinic treating the injured or sick pet. The pet owner must first apply for financial assistance with Care Credit and have either been declined financial help from Care Credit or the entire amount is not covered by Care Credit. The household income must also be under \$30,000.

Data shows that pet owners who cannot afford unexpected medical emergency treatment for their pets often surrender their pets to the County Shelter. Unfortunately, almost always the County Shelter will euthanize the injured or sick animal. Animals with injuries have little chance of being adopted, as well.

Sometimes a pet will have to wait for several days before medical help can be afforded by their owner, causing great discomfort to the pet and even death. Some pets never receive the medical attention they need in time to save their lives. In the animals at our Shelter, we have seen many broken bones that were never set and other severe injuries that were never treated. The Emergency Medical Assistance Fund helps animals receive the medical attention they need immediately, which allows the pets to regain their health and remain in their homes. This also helps to reduce the number of animals in our Shelters, as well.

BRHS is very happy to help our community families and their beloved pets be well and stay together. But we cannot provide these services without your generous support.



*Now that BRHS treated my respiratory infection, digestive disorder, and heartworm, I am able to enjoy hiking the beautiful WNC mountains with my new mom.*

**Look what your furniture donations will do at our Thrift Store**



= 3 spay/neuter - or -  
surgeries



= 20 microchips



You get the idea...we sell the gently used items you donate and use the money to care for the animals in our Shelter. There are so many animals that need a home. You can help... call our store, and ask about a FREE pickup for your donations.

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## Reading to the Rescue!



Reading to the Rescue provides an opportunity for shelter animals to be read to by children which provides shelter animals with a safe, soothing environment to practice their social skills. The children also benefit in this relationship as reading to the animals provides them with a safe,

non-judgmental environment to practice their reading skills, and receive some much needed support.

Our shelter animals have already started making regular trips to spend time with young readers at Hendersonville Elementary School and we would love to introduce them to more avid readers around town. Are you interested in having shelter animals pay a visit to readers at your school or organization? Please, contact Angela at [aprodrick@blueridgehumane.org](mailto:aprodrick@blueridgehumane.org) for more information.



## PLACES YOU CAN SUPPORT US!



Thrift Store Celebrates Volunteer and Customer Appreciation Day!

Saturday, August 6  
9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Huge Storewide Sale \* Hourly Specials  
Shelter Dogs and Puppies \* Ice Cream Truck \* Fun Galore



Blessing of the Pets

Saturday, August 20  
10:00 am

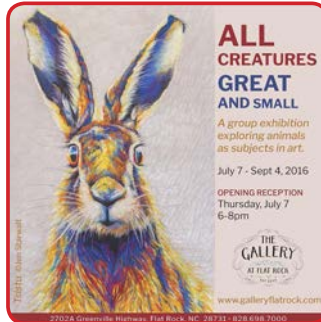
Mills River Presbyterian Church  
(on the church grounds)

All Creatures Great and Small

Saturday, August 20  
11:00 to 1:00

Animals for Adoption  
Priceless

The Gallery at Flat Rock



David Payne, one of the owners of the Charleston Inn, will be singing at The Lantern on August 18th and 25th. All tips that he makes will be donated to Blue Ridge Humane Society. More dates to come in September.



## Public Spay and Neuter

Would you like to save lives? Then spay or neuter your pet! If you do that, you are performing one of the kindest acts possible for your pet, not to mention you're helping them live a longer and healthier life with you. It's that simple!

Please Don't Litter  
Spay or Neuter  
Your Critter



Whether your pet is male or female, the surgery is simple and has very little risk but many benefits for your animals and for you as a pet owner. Spaying or neutering reduces the risks of breast cancer, uterine infections, and prostate problems. It also minimizes the desire to roam in search of a mate, which reduces the risk of your pet becoming lost or injured by a car or fight. And you won't have to have that awkward conversation with your neighbor about the new litter of puppies your dog apparently fathered!

Because spay and neuter is the most important service we provide for our Shelter animals, we feel it is important to offer the service to every animal in Henderson County. If you are a



Henderson County resident, your pet can receive this surgery **FOR FREE**. All you have to do is call our Shelter at **828-685-7107** to arrange the appointment for your pet.

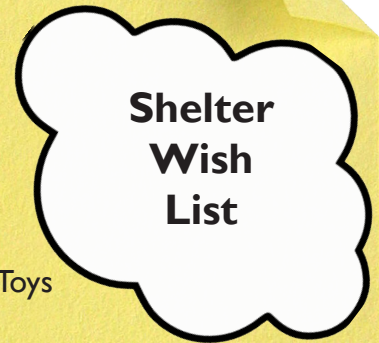
Be a lifesaver and a responsible pet owner.  
**SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PET! IT'S FREE!**

*This year to date we have paid for over 450 surgeries at a cost of over \$18,000.*

- Old Towels & Blankets
- Peanut Butter
- Plush Toys
- Dog Soft Treats
- Cat Treats
- Cat Toys
- Cat Litter
- Bedding
- Collars & Leashes
- Nylabone Dog Chew Toys
- Kongs
- Kuranda Dog Beds (all sizes)
- Kuranda Cat Tower (3,4 or 6 Nest)
- Slip Leashes
- Martingale Collar (small and medium)
- Freedom No Pull Harness
- Easy Walk Harness
- Gift Cards~Walmart, Lowes

Cleaning Supplies:

- Bleach, Laundry Detergent
- Hand Sanitizer, Hand Soap
- Sponges/Dish Brushes
- Trash Bags, Paper Towels





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### Wallet Pet ID



#### I have an animal at home!

If you're reading this then I'm either in the HOSPITAL or otherwise in trouble. **Please help my PET!**

My name: \_\_\_\_\_



I have \_\_\_\_\_ # of dogs. I have \_\_\_\_\_ # of cats.

Pets name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Either contact person can care for my animals until I come home:

Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_



## 6th Annual Wags to Riches

(For the Benefit of our Animals)

Saturday, October 8, 2016

Hendersonville Country Club 6:30 ~ 10:30

Dinner, Dancing and Silent Auction

\$100 per person

\*Interested in sponsoring a table?



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*Jewelry ~ Artwork*  
*Trips of a Lifetime*

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Lower Level Tickets to Choice of a Select  
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\*Call Lutrelle at 828-692-4367 to get more details and to get in on the fun!  
Reservations can be paid through PayPal at [www.blueridgehumane.org](http://www.blueridgehumane.org)