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**Adopt. Collaborate. Educate.**



# We Raised the Bar in 2018!



Second chances provided through BRHS programs: **1,554**



Irreplaceable: **401** volunteers for **28,000+** hours



Average length of stay in our Adoption Center: **10** days



SNIP services provided: **1,061** rabies vax  
**1,329** spay/neuter



Community Outreach Programs provided locally: **295**



Animals transferred to us from Henderson County Animal Services: **926**

## Meet Mayfield -- A Very Special Adoption

Sweet, easy-going Mayfield found herself wandering stray in the late August heat and was brought to Henderson County Animal Services (HCAS) where she waited for her family to find her. An old soul in a young body, Mayfield was found to be heartworm positive. Sadly, no one came forward to claim sweet Mayfield, so BRHS was contacted to take her into our care. Despite her heartworm status, we took her in because helping animals with treatable diseases like heartworms is made possible by our generous donors and supporters.

BRHS staff were prepared for a longer stay due to Mayfield's heartworm status, but we were happily proven wrong! It took only two days for her to find a forever home! Her calm, loving disposition drew her new mom and dad in quickly. Joe and Elizabeth had been searching for a dog as a companion for their beagle for quite some time, browsing adoption websites frequently. But when they saw Mayfield on our website, they knew she was the one. They drove over an hour to meet her the very next day.

Apple Valley Animal Hospital helped Bella through her treatment and got her feeling great again. Elizabeth says that they learned a lot from adopting a heartworm positive dog, and now Bella is the missing puzzle piece they could not live without.



## Upcoming Events



SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019

CHAMPIONS GOLF LEARNING CENTER  
Brookside Camp Rd, Hendersonville, NC

Dust off your miniature golf skills for the ultimate challenge and bragging rights as the Hendersonville Putt-Putt Champion!

Events and activities all day long for all ages! Limited to the first 20 teams of 4 in each category.

Register and secure your sponsorship online at [www.blueridgehumane.org](http://www.blueridgehumane.org)



## Strut your Mutt

Downtown Hendersonville, NC

Saturday, July 27, 2019

In Partnership with WTZQ and Downtown Hendersonville

Join us for Strut your Mutt 5K, a unique event for runners and walkers of the human and canine type.



## BRHS Dog Training Classes

When we know better, we do better...

Modern dog training is about teaching our dogs to make better choices so that we don't have to micromanage their behavior. Who has time these days for constantly telling your dog what they should be doing?

The goal of a beginner training class is understanding learning theory and how to apply best behaviors to practical uses. We teach the dogs a series of behaviors which communicate what we need them to do and when we need them to do them. "Leave it, stay, lie down"-- these are just a few behaviors that make living with dogs so much better.

Dogs that have been through a manners class with their families are much more likely to remain in their homes because those homes learn how to live cooperatively with their dog. Too, these dogs are more likely

to travel with their owners and meet strangers because they have the skills to behave in new situations. This training leads to stronger bonds between humans and dogs since both will live happier lives.

Training classes can also literally save your dog's life. What to do when a dog escapes? And what not to do (e.g., chase and scream at the dog)? A dog who has been trained is much more likely to return when called. A good training class will touch on dog body language, how to read your dog so that you can keep them safe and happy in public. Manners classes are also fun! Classes include training games that both humans and dogs enjoy together. When it's fun, everyone is more likely to remember the training. As an example, play hide and seek with your dog and see the joy on their face as they find you! Fun is a strong reinforcer and a great way to bond with your dog.

To sign up for BRHS training classes, visit our website at [www.blueridgehumane.org](http://www.blueridgehumane.org).

## However Long It Takes

Witnessing the resilience of the cats and dogs that come and go at our Adoption Center is very humbling. We routinely receive animals with long sad stories, but there is always the buoyancy of hope. Rambo is one such lucky feline that has ties to BRHS that go back over ten years.

After finding Rambo abandoned at our Adoption Center just before Christmas 2008, we began our mission to find him a forever home. Along his winding journey between loving home and homelessness, he was diagnosed with feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV). With his new



diagnosis, Rambo made his way to Friends for Life in Lake Toxaway.

Fast forward to September of this past year, we were heartbroken to see that Rambo was still looking for a home to call his own. With new medical protocols, new research showing an optimistic outlook on his FIV status, along with generous donations and our foster program with Wild Birds Unlimited, Rambo found his home at the beginning of this year with Nancy Boyea! Rambo's story with BRHS has been a decade long, but we are always committed to persevering through to the happy tail ending.



## Together We Can Do So Much



BRHS has recently partnered with Council on Aging to provide assistance to Meals on Wheels recipients through our Pet Pals Program. Walking dogs, trimming nails, administering meds, transporting to appointments, and providing spaying/neutering are typical services.

Janet and her pet Chewy participate in our Pet Pals program. Janet did not realize that County residents have access to our local Spay/Neuter Incentive Program (SNIP) provided through a collaboration with Henderson County, City of Hendersonville, and BRHS. Since Janet doesn't have transportation, our Community Programs Manager transported Chewy to and from his surgery and reviewed his post-operative instructions with Janet. Chewy recovered beautifully and is back to his happy, bouncy self!

Janet is so appreciative of our Pet Pals Program. She loves it because Chewy is safe at home, he gets friendly visits, and goes for walks around the neighborhood. Plus, he's flea free!





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## Your Stuff + Our Store = Saving Lives

Have you visited our Thrift Store lately? Conveniently located at 1214 Greenville Highway is what we like to call the "Best Upscale Thrift Store" in town. Thanks to an extremely generous pool of donors, we receive everything from sofas to collectible dishes, from jewelry to name-brand clothing. And the best part: We have sales every day that include 50% off any item that costs more than \$1. Sales change daily and can be as much as 75% off particular items, so don't let the price tags fool you! Proceeds from shopping at our Thrift Store support the dogs and cats we care for at our Adoption Center. For example, by spending just \$10 at the store, you enable us to provide a rabies vaccination for one animal. A \$20 purchase provides us with the funding to get three animals microchipped. We are able to spay or neuter an animal or get 12 animals vaccinated with your \$50 purchase. That's money well spent!

We are anxious to receive your donations. Smaller store donations can be dropped off at the store Monday through Saturday, from 10 am to 4 pm. For larger furniture items, just call us at 828-620-3150 to schedule a free pick-up five days a week. All donations are tax-deductible, and we will provide you with a tax receipt. We're always looking for sofas, loveseats, desks, dining and bedroom sets. Give us a call to schedule your pick-up today.

So when you shop at our Thrift Store, you are partnering with us to help reduce the overpopulation of companion animals and improve their quality of life through adoption. We could not do what we do without you!



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Your purchases



Your rescue!