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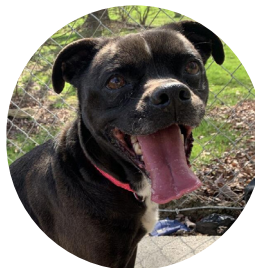


**CREATING BETTER
TOMORROWS**

Briar, Adopted

Blue Ridge Humane Society is not solely in the business of helping pets. We are in the business of helping people help pets. When the people of our community work together to advocate, educate, and provide each other with necessary resources, only then can we save lives. Through our collaborative efforts with our neighbors and local organizations, we are able to reach out and save so many more. We could not provide the compassionate care vital to protecting the animals of our community without help from the people of our community...most importantly, you. Thank you for your support. You are a true lifesaver.

-Angela Prodrick, Executive Director



Ferbie
Adopted in March



Tinkerbell
Adopted in January



Weston
Adopted in February



Asher
Adopted in February

Feeding The Heart



Blue Ridge Humane Society operates a pet food assistance program as part of our Community Outreach. Partnering with local food banks, the program provided over 19,000 pounds of pet food in 2019 for distribution to pet owners in addition to their usual staples. With the program already in place, it was no surprise to see an increase in demand due to the effects of COVID-19 in our community. But we were ready.

Interfaith Assistance Ministry (IAM) provides temporary relief to those in financial crisis. IAM saw a need increase of 80% for services due to COVID-19. Out of the clients receiving food support, 60-70% include requests for pet food. Elizabeth Moss, Executive Director of IAM, shared, "We are grateful for our partnership with BRHS. It is a real blessing to be able to offer pet food and be sure clients are able to keep their pets,

especially in these difficult times." Often, clients would share their human food with their pets if they didn't have pet food. Being able to provide pet food for those in need helps IAM meet the needs of pets and humans alike.

The effects can be seen firsthand. One family receiving assistance from IAM has a mother with multiple sclerosis and is unable to work. The father lost his job when COVID-19 restrictions started. They have visited IAM for rent assistance and food. They have two children at home and a dog named Tank. Tank means everything to them and they would never want to give him up. With no income right now, they don't know how they could have fed Tank and also had enough food for the family. But thanks to BRHS and IAM, they don't have to choose between feeding themselves or Tank.

Blue Ridge Humane also partners with The Storehouse, which provides food and life's most basic necessities for those in need in Henderson County. Many of their clients have animals as their only companions and they refuse to let them go hungry. Clients like Evelyn, who was grateful for the blessing of pet food from BRHS, and thrilled that The Storehouse was able to provide food not only for her family, but also for her rescued kittens and puppy.

When you support Blue Ridge Humane Society, you are also helping those in need all across our community. To donate visit www.blueridgehumane.org/donate to ensure these programs continue to serve those that need them the most.





Pet Owner Resources

Keep our guide handy just in case!



Whadda Ya Do?

Has Your Pet Gone Missing?

1. If you live in Henderson County, call Henderson County Animal Services Center at (828) 697-4723. They will have you fill out a Lost Animal Report. If your pet was found as a stray, they will most likely end up at the County shelter. You may also visit their Stray Animals Search to see if your animal is listed.
2. Don't just call the County shelter. Stop by every 1-2 days to see if your pet was brought in. It may take time before your pet is turned in.
3. Contact local vet offices.
4. Notify friends, neighbors, local businesses in the area where your pet was lost.
5. Submit your found or lost pet to the WTZQ Radio Pet Patrol.
6. Post a photo and description in our BRHS Lost and Found Pet Spotter Facebook group.
7. Make a flyer with a current photo, the animal's name, age, breed, size, color, markings, last seen location, and the date they went missing. If they were wearing a collar, include its color and any tag information.
8. If your pet has been micro-chipped, contact the microchip company to make sure they have your correct information in case someone locates your pet.
9. Keep it up! It may seem frustrating but having persistence and patience will help your search!
10. Visit www.missingpetpartnership.org for more ideas on how to find your lost pet.



Pet Helpline

Give our Pet Helpline a call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and get advice from our experts. Leave a message about your concern and we will get back to you within one business day. (You may experience delay on holidays.)

(828) 393-5832

BRHS Thrift Store

Have a large donation? Schedule a free pick-up!

(828) 620-3150



Wish List

Help provide needed items for our Adoption Center, Community Outreach, or Foster Programs from our Wish List!

Top Needed Items:

- Dry Cat and Dog Food
- Non-clumping Clay Cat Litter
- Cat Toys
- Heavy Chew Dog Toys
- Canned Cat Food (non-seafood flavors)
- Enrichment Toys and Feeders
- Towels & Blankets (new or used)
- Breeders' Edge Foster Care Feline-Powdered Milk Replacer for Kittens & Cats
- Miracle Nipples & Syringes



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Henderson County and BRHS: Working Side By Side



Sally, one of many animals saved through the partnership between HCASC and BRHS.

In the midst of the COVID-19 crisis, it has been more important than ever for community organizations to help each other. Did you know that Henderson County Animal Services Center (HCASC) on Stoney Mountain Road has worked with Blue Ridge Humane Society (BRHS) for years in coordinating the joint mission to save homeless animals?

In 2019 alone, BRHS helped find new homes for almost 1,400 needy animals, with 965 of those animals coming from HCASC. Every stray, homeless, or surrendered animal must first be taken to HCASC. There, the hardworking HCASC staff start the intake procedure: gathering info about the animal's temperament, age, health and veterinary care; performing medical tests; and providing routine and preventative vaccines and treatments. For animals that come in as a stray, the staff play detective—scanning for a microchip or researching lost pets reports, calling local vets who may have treated the animal, and assessing behavior and temperament. If animals are evaluated as adoptable, or needed medical treatments have taken place, they are ready for adoption at HCASC, BRHS, or another rescue group.

Once the animal is released for adoption, BRHS can step in. Our staff assess HCASC animals for transfer and transport them to our Adoption Center. Then, the many moving pieces of caring for animals that come to BRHS takes place:

records are added to our files; each animal is assessed and a care plan is created for them; and photos and a pet bio are compiled to be shared on the BRHS website, Facebook, and Instagram.

If an animal is altered, they are microchipped and scheduled for a rabies vaccine if needed. If unaltered, the animal is scheduled for spay/neuter surgery through our Spay Neuter Incentive Program (SNIP) with ASPCA Spay-Neuter Alliance in Asheville. BRHS transports Adoption Center, HCASC, and public animals twice weekly for surgery, microchipping, and rabies vaccinations through the SNIP program. As needed, all BRHS dogs and cats receive other inoculations and boosters, as well as medical treatments and preventatives.

Thanks to the close working relationship we have with HCASC, we've been able to help thousands of animals find new loving homes, and provide ongoing pet owner support to help ensure successful adoptions.

These processes can be complicated and expensive, and resources are limited. Henderson County funds the Animal Services Center, but Blue Ridge Humane Society is NOT supported by any government or organization—we depend on YOU and your generosity to provide the financial resources we need to save lives.

DONATE

Will you donate today so that we can continue to collaborate with our community to save animals every day?

Visit www.blueridgehumane.org, click the Donate bone, mail a donation, or stop by and see us!



Creativity and Recycling for the Pets

Thrift Store volunteers Sue Burdette (L) and Dottie Lovely (R) take donated sweaters and sweatshirts and sew them into wonderful pet beds that are sold in the pet section at the Blue Ridge Humane Society Thrift Store. The stuffing comes from pillows that are donated so everything they use is recycled, giving second chances to donated items just like we provide for animals every day!

A Helping Paw



Blue Ridge Humane Society helps keep beloved pets in their homes whenever possible. For some animals, the Adoption Center is their chance at a new loving home. For others, taking them from a loving environment due to something preventable and placing them into a shelter defeats the purpose of our mission. One way we support current pet owners is through our Emergency Vet Assistance Program. This program is in place to provide that extra support needed to help a pet stay where they are loved and cared for.

Stella is a special part of her family, having been with them since she was six weeks old. Stella, who is now 12, is smart and protective of her family, keenly attuned to their feelings. She loves her people and if they ever didn't feel well, she made sure she was right by their side to help make it all better. Sadly, Stella developed pyometra in February, a life-threatening infection of the uterus (one of the many reasons female dogs need to be spayed). While pyometra surgery amounts to the same end result as routine spaying, there is nothing routine about a pyometra spay. This surgery is challenging and typically costs five to ten times as much as a routine spay. While BRHS didn't cover the whole bill, we were able to assist with a large portion of it. Our

friends at Animals R Us successfully completed the surgery and got Stella back on the path to being her usual self. Stella's owner later hand delivered a note sharing how grateful the family was for our assistance.

Programs like the Emergency Vet Assistance are even more important in times of financial hardship. We know that for many, one emergency expense means making decisions that no one should have to make, and we are here to help. When you support Blue Ridge Humane, you are helping keep pets in their loving homes, which at the end of the day is something we can all feel good about.

Answering the Call

As part of our response to COVID-19, BRHS had to reduce staff at the Adoption Center, yet still be able to fully care for the animals in our custody. So when we put out an SOS for fosters, the Henderson County community rallied to the cause and fostering went up by 30%!

Judy was one of our many emergency fosters. BRHS alumni Elise, a sweet 10-year-old pup, had been recently returned due to her owner's lifestyle changes. Because of Judy's volunteerism, we were able to move Elise out of our Adoption Center and into foster care. Elise made herself comfortable with Judy, but she had to wait only four days before finding a permanent adopter!

"Elise is my first foster dog," Judy says. "Sure, I had lots of concerns about doing it, primarily around the probability of getting too attached. However, those concerns quickly moved from the forefront of my thoughts after seeing her get adopted. The whole experience was heartwarming and wonderful. I am thrilled, as a foster parent, that I get to provide an important piece of preparing an animal for their forever home."

Thank you, Judy, for using your new-found free time as an opportunity to help the animals in our community!





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Wags to Riches

6pm, Saturday, September 19
Kenmure Country Club

Dinner, Silent Auction,
Entertainment, and more for the
animals of Blue Ridge Humane!

Tickets on sale soon!



Pup Crawl

Saturday, August 15, 12pm-6pm
Historic 7th Avenue District
Pet treats and activities at each stop in
The District



Tails in Town

Downtown Hendersonville Pet Festival
Strut Your Mutt 5K & 1 Mile Furry Scurry

Strut Your Mutt 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Scurry - NEW DATE

Saturday, October 31, 8am
Historic Hendersonville Depot
Register Now!



Cause for Paws - NEW DATE

Friday, November 6, 12pm-2pm
Champion Hills Clubhouse

Visit www.blueridgehumane.org for info, registration, and more
calendar listings for all our events and activities!