



Pawprints

Giles County Animal Rescue, Inc.
April 2008

GCAR Activity Summary

Giles County Animal Rescue volunteers have been very busy keeping the Animal Shelter open for adoptions on weekends! We also have many programs our group are working on to continue to improve the welfare of animals in our wonderful county. Some examples are financially assisting with spay and neuters for pet owners in Giles County, coordinating and transporting appropriate animals to other rescue organizations for help finding them homes, developing a community education program, and working with Animal Control and the Sheriff's office on continuing to improve our adoption rate and shelter facility. We really appreciate your interest in this organization and welcome any assistance, either your valuable time or donations, as both are necessary for our continued support of the group's mission.

Volunteer Opportunities

Giles County Animal Rescue currently is looking for assistance in the following areas for volunteers:

- Grant Writing
- Shelter Staffing (Critical Shortage)
- Newsletter Editing
- Event Booth Staffing
- Many other skills needed-make an offer!

To our Active Volunteers, Thank You!

☺ **You have made an amazing difference.** ☺

Visit Our Website

To learn more about GCAR and maybe find a new furry friend, visit us at: www.nrvanimalshelters.com/Giles

Contact by Voice Mail

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Please leave a message and your phone number.

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Food Lion Donates If You-

Sign up with your regular Food Lion MVP Card! It is free, and Food Lion donates a percentage of your purchase to GCAR. Ask your family and friends to register, too! Please go to the website:
<https://www.foodlion.com/IntheCommunity/ShopandShare/secure/RegisterMVPCards.asp>

To Our Supporters of 2008-Thanks!

Brian Jennelle
Lori Porterfield Ben & Sue
Cline Phyllis Puckett
Richard & Margeret Parker
Bernie & Lynn Cosell
Erma McGuire
Fleeman Plumbing

Other News

The VAPAWS Shuttle travels to Christiansburg for low-cost Spay and Neuter for pets. Please call 3VA-PAWS for complete details. Prices summary: Cat Spay/Neuter \$40.00, Female Dog Spay \$50.00, Male Dog Neuter \$45.00, Vaccines - done with surgery (FVRCP, DHPPC, Rabies, FELV) Additional \$5.00 each, Pain Medications (take home) Additional \$5.00, Dogs who are in heat (Dr must approve surgery) Additional \$10.00, Flea treatment Additional \$5. 00 to \$10.00, FELV / FIV Test or Heartworm Test \$18.00

2007 Animal Control Totals

While these figures may be appalling, they represent a great improvement. An over 90% euthanasia rate has been reduced to under 48% for cats and under 23% for dogs. More work is needed to bring these numbers down even further and we can really use your help and support. Be sure to thank any Animal Control Officer you meet for doing such a difficult job well and continuing working to improve our outcomes.

Dogs	Cats	
220	691	Picked up
92	92	Adopted
220	281	Surrendered by owner
69	10	Reclaimed by owner
101	464	Euthanized

In Memorandum:



Buddy was adopted from the Giles Shelter almost 3 yrs ago. He had two previous owners and was looking for the person to love him as God intended. He found that person. Brian renamed him 'Buddy' and said he never understood why people drove around with their dogs in the car until he found Buddy. They became inseparable. They frequently visited us at the shelter and Buddy was obviously a happy boy. This photo was taken at their last visit to the shelter. Sadly Buddy was struck by a hit and run driver. His owner called one of our volunteers to report 'losing his best friend'. Buddy's new life was short but he had also found 'his best friend'.

Brian and Buddy, for when you will meet again at The Rainbow Bridge.

"We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals." ~ Immanuel Kant

**Help reduce overpopulation-
Please spay and neuter your pets.**

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