

Grace-Calvary Outreach Ministry will sponsor a supplies drive during September and October to benefit the **Habersham County Animal Shelter.**

The drive honors the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi on October 4, and concludes with our “Blessing of the Pets” next Sunday, October 5, at 2:00pm.

The Habersham County Department of Animal Care & Control

promotes and protects public safety and animal care through sheltering, pet placement, education, and animal law enforcement. Their mission is to enforce state laws and county ordinances about animal control and management; to promote the health, safety, and welfare of all animals in Habersham County; to promote compassion towards animals; to promote safe human-animal interactions, and to help educate the community in responsible pet ownership.

On average, the Shelter takes in 250 animals a month. They have room to comfortably house 36-40 dogs and are currently housing 88. And as for cats, they have space to comfortably house 50-60 cats and kittens and are housing over 200!

To alleviate overcrowding, Shelter staff transport animals to out-of-state animal care facilities who have space to house them until they can be adopted. With their new van, the Shelter has the capacity to transport 20 adult dogs and/or 40 cats per trip, allowing the Shelter to save over 1,000 homeless animals per year.

Interesting Facts - In April 2024, the Shelter Staff:

- Took in 70 dogs and 47 cats
- Facilitated 19 adoptions
- Returned 19 stray pets to their owners
- Responded to 115 animal control calls
- Transported 84 pets to out of state animal shelter facilities

What are ways you can help the Animal Shelter? First, responsibly adopt a loving fur baby! Second, volunteer your time to clean out cages and dog runs, feed, walk or help socialize animals. Also, please review the “Most Needed Supplies” list on the reverse side of this sheet. Cash donations are always appreciated - they will go toward buying fuel cards for transporting pets out of state and to buy additional Shelter supplies.

**HABERSHAM COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER
SUPPLIES DRIVE
Through October 5**

Mattie Hawkins, HCAS Director
HCAS is located at: 4231 Toccoa Hwy, Clarkesville, GA

Volunteers are needed:

Tuesday – Friday 10-5, and Saturday 10-2

Wish List/Needs:

- Purina or Pedigree chow for kittens, puppies
- Purina or Pedigree chow for adult cats, dogs
- Large sponges
- Clorox wipes
- Odorban
- Paper towels
- Bleach
- Dawn dish liquid
- Laundry detergent
- Newspapers
- Old towels
- Old sheets
- Old fleecy blankets
- Dog, cat beds
- Metal feeding bowls
- Chew toys

Donation bins are located
in St. Julian Hall.

Thank you in advance for
your support of this drive!