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Tuesday – Saturday
11am – 6pm

TOCCOA-STEPHENS COUNTY HUMANE SHELTER

PAW PRINTS

1747 SCENIC DRIVE | 706-282-3275 | WINTER 2022

..... TEARS & JOY

The impact the Animal Shelter makes for the people and pets of Stephens County

Tears – When you have to surrender a family pet because you no longer can care for them, **Joy** when the shelter has space to take them in, provide veterinary care and find them a new home

Tears when you find a stray injured animal and **Joy** when the shelter takes them in and **Joy** when you realize that we will get them the medical care they need.

Tears when you come to the shelter to see if we have your lost pet, **Joy** when you see a picture of your missing pet on our Facebook page and come to the shelter to reclaim him, **Joy** on your pet's face when he sees you've come to take him home.

Tears when you discover a litter of hungry puppies or kittens without their mom to care for them, **Joy** when the shelter can take them in and provide veterinary care and nutrition they need.

Tears when a struggling animal is put in our incubator with an uncertain future and **Joy** when they respond to treatment.

Tears when we don't have space for any more animals and **Joy** when we transport animals to another shelter with space and **Joy** when we once again have space to take in needy animals.

Tears when the animal you surrendered to the shelter still has not found a new home, **Joy** when you find out they finally were adopted.

We've turned **Tears** into **Joy** for thousands of Stephens County and City of Toccoa residents, all made possible by the support from city and county governments and the residents of Stephens County/City of Toccoa. **One third of our funding comes from donations received from the public. Please consider making a donation today to allow us to continue our efforts for the homeless animals of Stephens County.**

Sincerely,

Jeff Roberts, Executive Director

Toccoa Stephens County Humane Shelter

the JOEY FUND



HEAVY: a 5 year old, grey and white terrier mix

Heavy was hit by a car on 10/17/22; he had severe abrasions on his back and right side and lacerations on his left rear leg. He was sedated and his abrasions were flushed and the lacerations were sutured. He was started on antibiotics and pain medications. Since then he has received four rounds of therapeutic laser (cold lasers) treatments to decrease pain, increase blood flow and speed healing. He was an ideal patient and a happy dog throughout his treatment. He especially liked wearing his shades during his laser treatments. As you read this story Heavy will have completed his therapy and be available for adoption. (See next page for more photos of Heavy).



RUBY: a 7 month old tortoiseshell kitten

Ruby came into the shelter in poor health with an upper respiratory infection and both her eyes were swollen. One of our technicians bonded with this little kitten and fostered her while she was being treated medically for her cold and eye infections. As Ruby got older she was examined by our visiting veterinarian and she was uncertain whether Ruby could see or not. When we sent her for spaying the veterinarian made a determination that she could not see and removed both of her eyes. Happy and feisty, Ruby now resides in her new home under the care of the technician who helped nurse her back to health.

These treatments were made possible by donations to Joey's Fund, which pays for veterinary care beyond the standard wellness care (exams, vaccines, deworming, flea preventative and treatment for minor illnesses) that we provide all shelter animals.

TSCHS 2023 CONCERT SERIES

AT THE HISTORIC RITZ THEATRE
TOCCOA, GA



TICKETS
\$35

The Return
March 4, 2023

Beatles Tribute Band. Hurry!
Their last show in Toccoa was SOLD OUT.



The Malpass Brothers
August 18, 2023

Complete entertainment. A collection
of classic country and brotherly humor.



Karen Morgan
April 29, 2023

Former trial attorney turned comedian.
Athens born and raised.



Swingin' Medallions
October 27, 2023

You won't sit down for this one! "Mustang Sally," "Under the Boardwalk" and more.

TICKETS*: visit TSCHS at 1747 Scenic Drive, Toccoa, GA or call 706-282-3275 or go to eventbrite.com

* ticket prices vary per event

DAILY CHALLENGES

We all continue to feel the effect of considerably higher costs when we go to the store and when we fuel our vehicles. The shelter is experiencing these same issues as well as staffing shortages and shortages of medical supplies. When we can locate supplies, they cost considerably more. This year our vaccine costs have gone up over \$10.00 per animal (X 1,600 animals per year) and spay/neuter cost has gone up over \$30.00 per animal (X 1,000 animals adopted per year).



The shelter continues to work to make smart supply purchases to keep our cost as low as possible. As an example, although our vaccine costs have gone up, we are paying 80% less than what the regular retail pricing is for vaccines, flea preventative costs per animal run 75–90% less than what most people are paying and our spay/neuter cost is 75% less than current market rates. We are working hard to make our funding go as far as possible.

To help cover these increased costs we have asked for additional funding from the City of Toccoa and Stephens County. Thankfully, we have received this funding for the first six months of our operating year and will be asking for increased funding for the January – June period after the first of the year. Since the shelter is committed to raising a 1/3 of our operating costs, we have raised our adoption fees and set up a series of fundraising concerts for 2023. The final step in our plan is to generate increased donations from this newsletter and **we hope that you will consider making a donation today.**



(Cont'd from The Joey Fund)
Heavy getting cold Laser Treatment to help him heal and ease his pain.

TSCHS STATISTICS

Since shelter opened in 2013:

We have taken in **17,234** Stephens County dogs and cats.

Stephens County residents have surrendered **5,634** animals to the shelter.

The shelter has reunited **1,019** pet owners with their lost pets.

The shelter has adopted **7,139** pets into new homes and transferred **5,186** animals to other animal shelters in Georgia and other states.

So far this year:

INTAKES

457 animals surrendered by Stephens Co. residents

74 adopted animals returned to the shelter

197 animals seized/picked up by Animal Control

533 strays brought into the shelter

12 transferred into the shelter

OUTCOMES

906 animals adopted

93 animals returned to their owner/guardian

169 animals transferred to other shelters

96.13% Live Release Rate

INCUBATOR DONATED

We are always searching for ways to save more animals lives and one of our biggest challenges is saving sickly neonatal puppies and kittens that are surrendered to the shelter. This year one of our volunteers donated an incubator to help with this challenge. This unit helps the small animals breath and keeps them warm and has enabled the shelter to nurse back to health many animals that we have not been able to help in the past.

DONATION FORM

I would like to contribute \$ _____ to help the animals of Stephens County.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I am making this gift in honor/memory of _____ (person)

_____ (pet)

Please send acknowledgement to: _____

Please make check payable to **Toccoa-Stephens County Humane Shelter, Inc.**
This gift is tax deductible to the limit of the law. Our Tax ID # is 26-4323208.

Visa # _____ CW _____ Exp. Date _____

MC # _____ CW _____ Exp. Date _____

Discover # _____ CW _____ Exp. Date _____



****TSCHS appreciates your time and financial support. Your gift goes directly to the animals!****