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TOCCOA-STEPHENS COUNTY HUMANE SHELTER

PAW PRINTS

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FELINE SPAY/NEUTER MOBILE CLINIC VISITS TSCHS

A Mobile Spay Neuter Clinic arrived Saturday, November 18 to help reduce the number of cats turned into the shelter and reduce the number of kittens born. The plan is for this service to be open to the public on a monthly basis in 2024.



Volunteers hold their Annual Holiday Sale in November to raise money for the shelter. All items have been donated!

UPCOMING EVENTS

2024 CONCERT SERIES

BENEFITTING TSCHS

February: *Sun and the Stars*
November: *Two Divas and a Piano*

See tschs.org for additional announcements

TSCHS Receives National Recognition for Their Life Saving Efforts

“The Best Friends Network proudly presents to Toccoa Stephens County Humane Shelter a NO-Kill Shelter 2022 plaque in recognition of achieving no-kill status during calendar year 2022 by exceeding a 90% save rate for cats and dogs.”

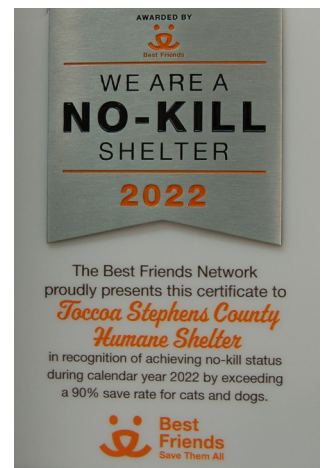
As their acknowledgement letter states “This accomplishment represents so much more than a number. It represents a culture of caring and compassion. It represents a dedicated staff, committed volunteers and motivated supporters.”

The letter also states that “Although 90% is, by definition, a number, organizations that achieve and maintain no kill are made up of people who never forget that each fraction of those percentage points represent a life saved. These numbers represent cherished family members who are only alive because of your dedication and hard work.”

We can never rest on what we did last year, last month, or yesterday. Every day we are faced with new challenges, like how do we care for and provide for 200 animals when we are budgeted/staffed for 150 animals?

2023 has been the most challenging year since we have been open. A nationwide slowdown in pet adoptions, shelter overcrowding with animals staying longer in shelters, transporting of animals to shelters in the Northeast greatly reduced and a reduction in funding has impacted shelter operations. Our staff remains committed and dedicated to provide the best care possible and to get as many animals adopted into new forever homes. Your continued support for your shelter will allow us to save more lives.

Please consider making a donation, today!



A donation to TSCHS makes a nice gift for those who are hard to shop for, and is a great way to honor someone special.

BUSINESS HOURS

Tue–Fri, 11am–5pm
Sat, 11am–4pm

To all the supporters of the Toccoa Stephens County Humane Shelter

- We can't provide lifesaving care, without you
- We can't provide the medicine to make them well, without you
- We don't have the time for animals to understand we are here to help them, without you
- We don't have the resources to get x-rays or bloodwork done, without you
- We don't have the time to put weight on a malnourished animal, without you

Your financial support allows us the time to provide the care needed to find forever homes for deserving animals.

Yes, you do make a difference, your support saves lives.

Thank You for helping us care for homeless pets of Stephens County,

Jeff Roberts, Executive Director, TSCHS

SOME PAWSITIVE NEWS!



When a critically burned cat comes in, your heart breaks. You have to make the decision if the animal is choosing life, or death. **Adara** chose LIFE upon intake. She was making biscuits and loving human contact, eating any food she could get her paws into!



Dumplin is being fed a special diet that has enabled him to lose 11.2 lbs in three months. When he came into the shelter he weighed 73.4 lbs. He has dropped 17% of his weight and now weighs a more healthy 62.2 lbs.



Macy came in to the shelter severely malnourished and weighed 21.6 lbs. She was cared for and fed a special diet for the next 7 weeks, she gained almost 18 lbs, and was adopted!

2023 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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.

Increased operating costs from insurance to vaccines and medicines, combined with a slowdown in pet adoptions, and a funding reduction in what the shelter received from the city and county in the previous year have required the shelter to cut over \$60,000 from its operating budget for this year and a reduction of our operating hours as well as staffing cuts.

The shelter needs your support more than ever!

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!**