

## About Rutherford County Humane Society (RCHS)

Rutherford County Humane Society is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that has been serving Rutherford County close to 50 years. Begun in 1979, with the mission to significantly improve the lives of unwanted and neglected animals, and to measurably decrease this number through our spay and neuter programs, volunteer foster homes, and outreach and education. We are an independent organization that works in collaboration with other area animal advocacy groups.

### DID YOU KNOW

Thanks to you, over the last 5 years, 2,904 cats and dogs are now in safe and loving forever homes. This number has steadily increased from year to year.



In 2016, we were able to improve the lives of Rutherford County Pets.

- ◆ Adoptions: 426 Cats and 257 Dogs.
- ◆ Neuter / Spay: 914 Cats and Dogs were altered which greatly reduces homelessness
- ◆ Medical Treatment and Medicine: \$82,013 spent on animals in our care
- ◆ Pet Food and Supplies: \$25,528 spent on low income families and foster pets

You can begin helping animals in Rutherford County today!



*Rutherford County  
Humane Society*



*Dedicated to  
improving the lives  
of animals in  
Rutherford County,  
North Carolina*

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## With Your Donation

Your donation helps us pay for veterinary medical care, often the first an animal has ever received—from initial inoculations to sometimes more serious treatment. Donations are also used for our spay and neuter programs, which prevent future populations of homeless or unwanted cats and dogs.

Whether you are making a one-time donation or wish to become a monthly sponsor,

Your Donation Will Support...

- ◆ \$5 a month – Food for one animal.
- ◆ \$10 a month – 3-year rabies shot for one animal
- ◆ \$20 a month – Vaccination for one animal.
- ◆ \$25 a month – Health exam & certificate for travel for one animal.
- ◆ \$50 a month – Neuter / spay for one animal.
- ◆ \$100 a month – Hospitalization for one animal for two days.



## Happy “Tails”...

### Meet Charmer



This little guy was rescued from very bad conditions at a hoarder’s house and suffered from an extreme case of ear mites. Charmer seemed a hopeless case at times, spending most of his time hiding under a towel. After a successful

treatment, he found his forever home.

His new family says: “We decided on keeping his name the same when my younger speech impaired son was able to say Charmer and insisted that would be his name. We are looking to get him registered as an emotional support animal with how he has helped and continues to help the three of us out so much, you can see the difference in both my children who have disabilities. Since he has been in our lives my panic attacks have lessened in severity. He seems to be able to sense when I have a panic attack coming on and has been able to subside them by jumping on my lap and rubbing all over me until it’s over. He has provided and added love, laughter, enjoyment, happiness and companionship to our family and we want to thank you for saving him from his horrible situation and giving him a second chance and then giving us a chance and letting us adopt him. Even though it’s only been six months it feels like he has been with us forever and we love him so much that it’s hard to imagine a life without him in it.”

## What Else Can You Do?

- ◆ Foster. This is one of the most personally rewarding experiences you may ever have. It can be one of the most direct ways you can help save a dog or cat’s life.
- ◆ Share your time and talent! All of our efforts depend on our passionately compassionate volunteers. Do you have a special skill, or even just an idea for helping animals that you want to put in to action? We can’t wait to hear from you!
- ◆ Volunteer and Support the Thrift Store. The thrift store is a major source of income for our organization. Located on Buffalo Creek Road in Lake Lure, the Thrift Store has newly been remodeled and is a clean, brightly-lit store offering housewares, linens, books, furniture, art and more. If you are in the area and looking for unique and wonderful bargains, come in and shop.
- ◆ Speak out! Be the voice that Rutherford County animals don’t have. If you see or suspect animal abuse, report it! If you want to see more humane laws in Rutherford County, join us in pressing our County Commissioners to make our county a home where people who love animals can live without being oppressed by such senseless lack of concern for our fellow creatures. Help us make Rutherford County a place of compassion for animals