



2023 Annual Report

OUR MISSION

As a rural North Georgia mountain, no-kill shelter, our mission is to shelter and find safe homes for unwanted, neglected, abandoned, abused and surrendered dogs and cats; reduce pet overpopulation, cruelty and neglect; teach and encourage responsible pet ownership; and advocate animal welfare.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for supporting the Charles Smithgall Humane Society. You have been a loyal and important member of our Smithgall family. We'd like to strengthen our bond, if you're willing. Our tiny and mighty no-kill animal shelter has been going strong for 24 years. Since breaking away from the White County Animal Control in the mid-90s, the homeless dogs and cats of the North Georgia mountains have relied upon the kindness of our community and friends across the country to keep our shelter open. As a private, nonprofit Georgia organization we receive no government funding and rely solely on private donations to support our life-saving mission. We are one of the only no-kill shelters in the rural Georgia mountains. Dogs and cats under our care are safe and loved for as long as it takes to find their forever family.

These past few years have been unexpectedly tough, but our commitment to our current dog and cat residents, to dogs and cats needing help, our staff, and our community has not wavered.

Last year we took in 170 new dogs and cats and found forever homes for 157 pets. Thanks to you, we rescued countless dogs at risk from overfull euthanasia shelters, gave beloved pets a safe place when their owners could no longer care for them, helped orphan kittens grow big and strong and helped several mama dogs deliver and care for their puppies in a safe and loving environment. These animals were given much needed sanctuary as we sought new families for them.

Our shelter is an oasis for innocent dogs and cats, and often their families, caught up in a turbulent world. Our goal is to be able to do more, with confidence. The confidence that a steady budget affords. With secure funding and donations, we could hire and retain the best staff, take in more homeless dogs and cats, help those in our community struggling to get their pets spayed/neutered and vaccinated, and in many cases simply fed. We have the will, the dedication, the know-how and the love to continue. But we need your help now more than ever. We are asking for your committed support to help us keep our shelter open so we can do more for the at-risk, abused, neglected and homeless dogs and cats of the North Georgia mountains. These innocent and voiceless souls need us. Please help us help them by making an annual donor commitment. To learn more about how your support helps, please read on.

With warmest regards,

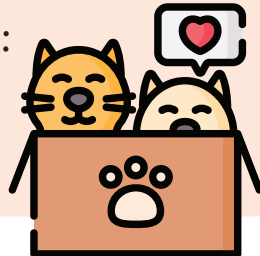
Charles Smithgall Board of Directors



2023 Stats at-a-Glance

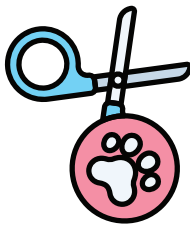
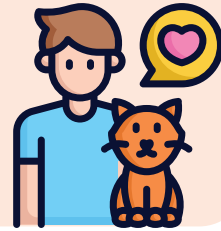
INTAKE

170 new residents:
82 dogs/puppies
88 cats/kittens

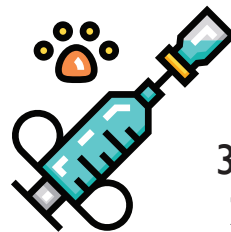


ADOPTED

157 animals:
81 dogs/puppies
76 cats/kittens

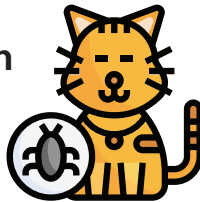


78 spay/neuters



548 vaccines:
316 dogs/puppies
232 cats/kittens

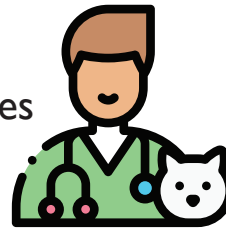
1,552 medicines given
(1,320 Heartworm/
flea preventative to
232 cats/kittens)



339 Heartworm tests
performed on dogs



294 FVRCP tests for kitties



DOG/PUPPY FOOD

9,000 lbs. kibble
700 cans wet food

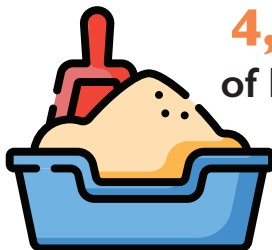


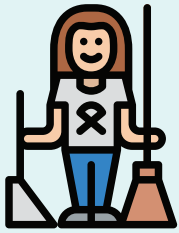
CAT/KITTEN FOOD

2,000 lbs. kibble
1,280 cans wet food



4,250 lbs.
of kitty litter





Operations Overview



Our shelter is overseen and managed by a dedicated team of volunteer board members. We have a small paid staff to help care for the animals on a daily basis. These responsibilities are supplemented by a team of volunteers who pick up all other aspects of running a shelter.

It takes a village to run our shelter, and our team is dedicated and committed to giving second chances.

VOLUNTEERS

Our wonderful volunteers contribute their time and energy doing a multitude of activities that contribute to the health and viability of our shelter, including:

- Dog and cat adoptions
- Dog walking and socializing
- Cleaning kennels
- Feeding and water dogs
- Cleaning cat and kitten rooms
- Socializing our cats and kittens
- Transporting dogs and cats to our veterinarians
- Fostering
- Handyman work around the shelter
- Fundraising
- Training volunteers
- Social media and communications
- Answering voicemails and emails
- Financial oversight
- Laundry and general office cleaning
- Operating our Rescue Re-tail Thrift Store
- Collecting fundraising cans around the area
- Attending community events
- Managing our all-volunteer donation-based Rescue Re-tail Thrift Store operations

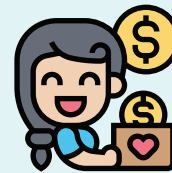
VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTION

Every one of our volunteers contributes so much to our shelter operations. Our life-saving work would not be possible without their efforts

We are so grateful to them.



23 Active Volunteers



\$189,552

Value of
Volunteer Time
Contributed (annually)

17,232

Estimated Total
Volunteer Hours
(annually)



\$11/hr.

Estimated Value of
Volunteer Hours
(annually)





Community Involvement



RESCUE RACING

is a Southeast-based group of outdoor enthusiasts who run, ride and race bikes to raise awareness and funds for our shelter, along with helping other no-kill shelters.



RESCUE RE-TAIL THRIFT STORE

was launched three years ago to financially support the life-saving work of our shelter. The store is located in Sautee Nacoochee, GA. It is all volunteer run, and all items for sale are donated. Rescue Re-tail has been an integral part of our shelter operations and a boon to our recognition in the North Georgia mountains.



“PUTTS FORE MUTTS”

annual charity golf tournament is held at Innsbruck Golf Course in Helen, GA. This fun day out helps raise awareness for our shelter and funding to support our operations.



COMMUNITY FUNDRAISERS

With the gracious support of the local community, several fundraisers were held to benefit our homeless dogs and cats, including:



Jumpin Goat's Annual Drools and Ghouls Doggie Halloween Contest

Vallhalloween Ball at Valhalla



Habersham Winery featuring Sweet Charity's Playing it Forward



Keller Williams Red Day Out, making food and medical donations and performing some much-needed beautifying of shelter grounds



North Georgia Jeepers group raises funds and materials to donate to our shelter

2024 Smithgall Humane Society Calendar, created by local artists in the Sautee Nacoochee, GA community and donated to our shelter

Giving Second Chances



SHADOW

Sweet and shy **Shadow** has been through a lot in his young life. When our staff and volunteers noticed one of his eyes darkening, we rushed him to the vet. The vet suspected eye cancer.

Shadow had his eye removed and he's feeling so much better. He's been in the quiet care of one of our fosters. It wasn't eye cancer, but instead an equally dreaded outcome, FIP. He continues in foster, receiving treatment to build his immune system. We are hopeful for a great outcome and a bright future. Thanks to our donors and a wonderful foster, Shadow now has a chance at a future. He's no longer scared and in pain. He will not have to fight this battle alone and is receiving a much needed second chance. For Shadow, with our help, his life has changed forever.



BABY MILO

Baby **Milo** was a tiny kitten when he came in, suffering severe burns to all four paws and an abscess on his neck. At just five weeks old, these

burns were life threatening. One of our fosters stepped up and took Milo home to be cared for. Milo couldn't walk on his paws and he couldn't regulate his body temperature, so his foster carried him around for weeks to help him heal. Day-by-day, Milo healed and started to become a fun-loving kitten. After spending so much time together, Milo's foster couldn't let him go. He became a foster fail, joining several other Smithgall alumni in a loving forever home, where his personality has blossomed and he's become a part of the family's dog pack!



REBA & HER FUNDRAISER

We rescued gorgeous **Reba** from a high-kill shelter, where she was scheduled to be euthanized. She's only two years old and was terrified. Reba was overlooked by adopters because she suffered heartworms. Heartworms are easily prevented but once contracted, the treatment is expensive. Many good dogs end up being euthanized because of them. We pulled Reba because she deserved a chance at life. We did a public ask for funds to get her treated. A young girl saw Reba's story and did her own fundraiser. She donated all her money, which inspired many of our followers to donate. We raised enough funding through the kindness of our Smithgall supporters. Reba's been treated and is currently waiting for her forever home. Every year we give a second chance to five or six dogs suffering from heartworms and on the euthanasia list at a Georgia kill shelter. We wish we could save more, but our efforts have made a world of difference to those we've rescued, like Reba.

Fur-ever Homes Found!



Handsome **Tex** was adopted and is settling into his new home. Now called Hank, he loves the many cat trees he gets to climb and play on. The high vantage areas give him plenty of opportunity to spy on (and maybe tease) his doggie housemate. Per his mama, Hank is an adorable, cuddly, affectionate and vocal kitty. She loves him to pieces. We couldn't ask for anything more.



for every dog living in a shelter. HAPPILY Madison's freedom walk finally came. This girl has only love towards her mama. She's always wanted a person to love and protect. Madi has a nice big fenced yard to play in and sun herself, she goes for drives and walks and best of all, she has a mom who is helping her transition to a quiet home. Life is good for our Madi girl. We are so thankful.

Our best boy, **Jack**—after waiting for two long years—was adopted! Jack spent most of his young puppy life with us. He was so brave, so sweet, so earnest, and so patient...until finally, it was his turn to walk out of the shelter and into the arms of a most wonderful family. We couldn't ask for anything more for



this sweet boy. Jack lives for his people and attention. Now he spends his days with a loving family. We are so grateful that his new family saw the wonderful dog that Jack is and welcomed him to their hearts and home. To see our Jack land so softly... we have no words to express our joy. We'll miss Jack and his tennis ball obsession, his little wiggle butt and his happy smile, but we won't forget him, ever. He touched our hearts in so many ways.

Long-term resident, **Madison**, was adopted! We all fell in love with this beautiful girl with the silky soft coat and warm brown eyes the minute she came in, so many years ago. We thought she'd be scooped up immediately, but instead she waited...and waited...and waited. As a no kill shelter our dogs are safe with us, but we pray every day that the right family or person comes along. And while it can sometimes take a long time for their person to find them, we know there is a perfect match out there

Charles Smithgall Humane Society

The Humane Society was started in the early 90s by a group of citizens concerned about the growing number of strays and abandoned animals in the county. The humane society was incorporated as White County Humane Society and received its 501(c) 3 status in April, 1994.

In 1996, thanks to a donation by Charles Smithgall, the shelter was built. Charles Smithgall was a North Georgia businessman and philanthropist who agreed to donate a portion of land from Smithgall Woods Conservation Park for use by the Humane Society, to house an animal shelter. He also donated a huge portion of the funds needed to build the building and kennels.

With appreciation to, and in memory of, Mr. Smithgall, the Humane Society was renamed the Charles Smithgall Humane Society.

The adoption and care center is a no-kill facility. Animals under our care are safe with us until we can find them a forever home. Our animals are owner surrendered or, if we have space, we will rescue dogs and cats from high-kill shelters and Georgia-based animal controls, bringing them to the safety of our facility until adopted. We take in and adopt out hundreds of homeless dogs and cats annually. Our adoption criteria is strict and comprehensive. The Animal Adoption Center for dogs and cats has 39 kennels with indoor and outdoor runs, as well as eight fenced outdoor areas for our dogs to exercise. Our building also has two cat rooms housing kittens in one room and mature cats in the other. Each of our feline rooms are communal, which helps to socialize and give kitties space to play. Adoptions are held by appointment.

We do not have staff veterinarian services; therefore, we are limited in the treatment we can give onsite. We work closely with several local veterinarian offices to provide medical services. We have a small paid staff to care for the animals on a daily basis, with much of our operations managed and supported by volunteers. It is completely through the gifts of our private donors that we are able to help homeless dogs and cats and give them a second chance.

Our special Shelter Pets Medical Fund is set up to donate specifically towards the medical treatments of our animals in need.

It's easy to donate to our lifesaving work of giving second chances to homeless dogs and cats:

Visit our website at www.charlessmithgallhumanesociety.org; click the DONATE button to use PayPal or your credit card. You can choose from a one-time or recurring monthly donation.



PayPal donations should be sent to smithgallhumanesociety@windstream.net

Please make checks payable to Smithgall Humane Society and mail them to
P.O. Box 2090, Cleveland, GA 30528



We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit Georgia corporation. Our Tax Identification Number is 58-1949193.
We are not affiliated with White County Animal Control.

Charles Smithgall Humane Society Sponsorship Opportunities

Charles Smithgall Humane Society is a no-kill shelter in the North Georgia mountains, funded entirely by donors like you. For more than 24 years, we have served as a safe haven for thousands of unwanted and at-risk dogs and cats.

When you partner with us as a named sponsor, you will help provide emergency care, routine medical care, spay/neuter operations, food and shelter, along with training and rehabilitative services for our animals, as we seek to find their forever families.

Thank you for making North Georgia a more caring place for homeless, abused, and surrendered animals. With your gift, you are saving lives!

Shelter Champion: \$10,000 +

- Recognition in our Annual Report and on our website
- Smithgall Supporter decal
- Certificate of Appreciation
- Recognition in full-page ad in the local paper
- Invitation for you, family, and friends to a special Donor Appreciation Event
- Featured Donor Spotlight on our website, in our e-newsletter, and on our Facebook page
- Your business logo and link on our website
- Invitation for you, family, and friends to a private shelter tour
- Your name or business logo on the CSHS shelter sign on Helen Highway
- Naming opportunities for the dog area, cat area, play yards, or building sections
- Your business marketing materials at all fundraising events and Rescue Re-Tail store
- Free entry for a team of four at the CSHS Annual Golf Tournament
- Two named golf holes with signage for your business at the CSHS Annual Golf Tournament

Companion for Life: \$5,000 +

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Guardian Angel: \$1,000 +

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Archangel: \$500 +

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Angel: \$100 +

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- Certificate of Appreciation



All forms of recognition are at your discretion. Please contact us at smithgallhumanesociety@windstream.net to discuss your preferences by email or phone.