

HSBR'S HAPPENINGS



UPDATES FOR OUR GENEROUS COMMUNITY OF THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF BLUE RIDGE



HSBR AT A GLANCE

RESCUED

YTD 2023 as of March 31:

240 animals

113 Dogs & 127 Cats

2022 TOTAL:

862 animals

325 Dogs & 537 cats

PET FOOD DISTRIBUTION

YTD 2023 as of March 31: 177

2022 TOTAL: 738

families received food from our monthly food distribution program

SPAY & NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

YTD 2023 as of March 31: 60

2022 TOTAL: 291

TRAP, NEUTER & RELEASE PROGRAM

YTD 2023 as of March 31: 103

2022 TOTAL: 438

FOSTER PROGRAM

Fosters are one of our most important assets! If you can find it in your heart to become a foster with us, we know we can place a dog or cat with you until they find their furrever home. We have been able to place 55 animals in foster so far this year - which was 26 dogs, and 29 cats. This helps us save even more lives - now that's something to feel good about!

www.humanesocietyofblueridge.org/fosterprogram

HSBR CAMPUS

Humane Society of Blue Ridge's Adoption Center, Dog Park & Memorial Garden

AND NOW OPEN:

Our Healthy Pet Clinic!

The Clinic serves low-income residents of Fannin, Gilmer, Polk, and Union Counties

ALL located at:

171 Mineral Springs Rd in Blue Ridge.



UPSCALE RESALE & THRIFT STORE

The thrift store is located at:

2380 East First Street in Blue Ridge

Every Tuesday is Senior Day – 10% discount

Every Thursday is Military Day – 10% discount



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

ADOPTION CENTER – ROY CRISSMAN

Roy is our local cat whisperer. He comes in at least 2 times a week, sometimes more, and gives our shy kitties extra love. Roy can get the shyest kitty to accept pets with magical churu! He recently started volunteering with our dogs as well and has the same effect on them! We appreciate all the love and time Roy gives to our animals.

THRIFT STORE – TRACY ALLEN (& PHILLIP)

Tracy has been a volunteer with the HSBR Thrift Store for many years... always willing to pitch in and help in any way that she can! She is our biggest cheerleader & always supportive of everything we do. Tracy was a key member of the Taste of Blue Ridge Committee, very involved in our Annual Paws in the Park Event & has been a board member for many years. Tracy's husband Phillip has also volunteered with the HSBR Thrift Store as a member of our Thrift Store "Manly Moving Men Crew", assisted with our Outback Sale, and is our Master Cast Iron Cookware Aficionada!!! We are very blessed to have Tracy & Phillip as active volunteers & loyal supporters of the Humane Society of Blue Ridge!



HEALTHY PET CLINIC – WE ARE OPEN!!

We officially opened our Healthy Pet Clinic to the public on March 27, 2023.

The purpose of the clinic is to provide basic healthy pet services (annual exams and spay/neuter surgery) to those residents that could otherwise not afford them at a full-service vet clinic. In order to utilize the low-cost services, a resident must demonstrate financial need by showing proof of any type of financial aid that they are receiving. The services are open to residents in Fannin, Gilmer, Union, and Polk County. The clinic is open Monday through Thursday from 8am to 5pm by appointment only. The first step is to submit the application found on our website. If qualified, you will be contacted to make an appointment. The clinic does not treat any illnesses or injuries. All the details on the services and fees can be found on our website at humanesocietyofblueridge.org/healthyvetclinic.



VET TECH SCHOLARSHIPS

We are investing in our people!

We have three students who are all recipients of a 2-year vet-tech scholarship that HSBR has fully funded. They are all currently employed at our Healthy Pet Clinic, and they are all enrolled in the online scholarships and are progressing well!

SPAY & NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Effective May 15, 2023, the Community Spay/Neuter Program surgeries will be available to be performed at the Humane Society of Blue Ridge "Healthy Pet Clinic" located at 171 Mineral Springs Road, Blue Ridge. To make an appointment, simply call 706-946-4360. A 50% deposit will be required when an appointment is made and the balance due when the services are rendered.

Spay/Neuter Basic

Dogs are \$100 and Cats are \$60



In the event that our Healthy Pet Clinic schedule is booked, and you need an appointment sooner than we can accommodate, you can visit **Logan's Run Rescue** at their Thrift Store located in Murphy, NC and obtain a voucher for the surgery at the costs indicated here and the surgery will be performed by Tri-State Spay/Neuter Clinic.

THE IMPORTANCE OF RECURRING DONATIONS

Your generous donations will help us give the animals in our care the attention they deserve. Your monetary donations go a long way to helping homeless cats and dogs find their forever homes. Recurring donations are critical to a non-profit organization, as it provides a predictable income stream to cover operating expenses.

We have 3 types of recurring donations!

HEALTHY PET HERO CHALLENGE

Our newly opened Healthy Pet Clinic is a great resource for our community! We offer several vet services at a highly discounted price to those residents of Fannin, Gilmer, Union, and Polk County who qualify to use our Clinic. In order to provide these services to our community, we need your financial assistance to keep our doors open and ensure their pets get much-needed care.

Would you consider donating what you can monthly to this great cause?

By donating to this cause, you will receive this cool "I'm A Healthy Pet Hero" Mug



GENERAL DONATION

This provides support for the Adoption Center's operating expenses -- go to our website and click the orange dog bone, and you will find many ways to donate, most of which can be made recurring.



THROW A DOG A BONE...



Consider signing up for your own dog bone for \$250 annually to help support Dog Park Maintenance... find out more at humanesocietyofblueridge.org/dog-park

MEMORIAL GARDEN UPDATES

Our Memorial Park on our campus has received some much-needed attention. We have re-stained all the wood structures and re-mulched all the paths. We have pavers and benches available for purchase to honor a loved one - which helps projects like this with the upkeep of the park: humanesocietyofblueridge.org/memorial-park



DID YOU KNOW???

HSBR has offered to transfer the land where our old dog park was located to Fannin County at no cost as a potential new site to build a new Animal Control Facility. They have set up a 501c3 called Fannin Canine Fund (see their logo to the right!) to raise funds to build a new facility. The details are on their FB page: facebook.com/FanninCanineFund



UPCOMING EVENTS!



Sat, June 17, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Staroulite Barn in Mineral Bluff

Tickets on sale May 15th!

\$65/pp includes dinner catered by Rum Cake Lady
LIVE MUSIC, Beer & wine available, Silent auction
50/50 raffle, For info call 404-435-1942

Go to our website for more information: humansocietyofblueridge.org/paws-for-celebration

SAT, AUG 19TH

Hangover For
Hounds

1-6
PM

A fundraiser for HSBR at
Buckbald Brewing in
Copperhill TN!
Featuring their signature beer,
Kosmic Kitty!

16th Annual Paws in the Park 2023

Saturday, October 21, 10 - 5 PM

Downtown Blue Ridge Park

Pet Parade, Costume Contest, Blessing of the Animals,
Pet Photos, Rabies Clinic, Microchipping, and MORE!!!



A Fundraiser for HSBR!

- 50/50 raffle
- Silent Auction
- Live Music
- and MORE!

BarktoberFest!

OCT 29, 2023

At Grumpy Old Men Brewing!