

Our Story and Our Challenge

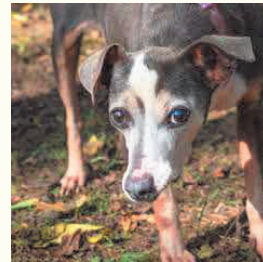


Creating a Brighter Future for Homeless Animals in Our Area!

You may have read about Lala in our newsletter. Lala is one of over 11,000 abandoned pets we have rescued since the 2008 founding of Dawson County Humane Society.

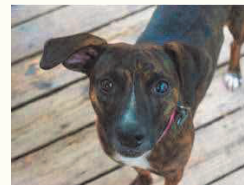


Lala is not unique except for her story. She was dumped in the middle of Lake Lanier. Pregnant, exhausted and near death, a boating family came upon her, scooped her out of the water and brought her to us. She was loved-on by our dedicated shelter staff and nurtured back to health where she later found her new forever home. Her two surviving puppies also found a good home.



In addition to rescuing sweet animals like Lala, this is who we are and what we do:

- We are a non-government, non-profit organization established by community volunteers. We rely primarily on your kind donations. In addition, we raise operating funds from our unique Resale Shop as well as our contract with Dawson County.
- We are the only facility in the county that receives and cares for animals picked up by Dawson County Animal Control. We are proud of our NO KILL shelter status!
- For active military families and clients of DFCS who are Dawson County residents, we offer a no or low cost spay/neuter program.
- We teach and encourage the importance of responsible pet ownership through our community outreach.
- Through our dedicated group of volunteers, including the Board of Directors, we provide the leadership foundation to ensure that the current and future needs of the homeless pets of Dawson County are well cared for until they are placed into their new loving homes.



Our Challenge: Make Room for More!

Our Challenge: Dawson County lies in one of the fastest growing areas in the country. As our county grows so does the number of homeless and abused pets like Lala. Coupled with the significant increase in all our operating expenses and our need to expand our facility, we need your help now!

How can you help? Simply by donating to the Dawson County Humane Society. The annual cost to provide shelter, medicine/medical and food for one of our homeless residents exceeds \$900. The vaccine cost for one kitten is \$50. Emergency surgeries can range in costs from \$250 to \$6,000. That was the case with “Lily” who was recently surrendered to us with a severely broken leg inflicted by human abuse. Her surgery and recovery costs will exceed \$6,000.

Consider volunteering. Our Resale Shop is staffed by volunteers who are committed to providing our customers with a great shopping experience. Our shop volunteers work one-4 hour shift each week. They love the new friendships they make and the shared mission of raising funds for the homeless pets in our community. Our shelter also always needs volunteers. Shelter volunteers have multiple ways to help and our staff will help you find the opportunity that you enjoy the most.

Where do we go from here? The growth we are planning for is not the bragging kind of growth. Our shelter operates at or close to full capacity on a normal basis which leaves us no room for future growth. Our in-take area is small, we have limited kennel space, and our medical clinic needs to be expanded. The preliminary plans for expansion are under development and they include a new Adoption Center. To learn more about our expansion plans and how you can support this project, please contact Tim Smock, Board President, at (president@dawsoncountyhumanesociety.org).

For us to continue our work and stay a no kill shelter, we need your help. Please make your donation today.

Thank you for your support!

