

## About Rutherford County Humane Society (RCHS)

Rutherford County Humane Society is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that has been serving Rutherford County since 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. All of our efforts depend on our passionately compassionate volunteers, and financial support from the community.

### How we improved the lives for Rutherford County animals between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010:

170 Cats and dogs adopted.

605 Cats and dogs neutered/spayed.....Cost: \$26,040.00

Money spent on medical treatment for cats and dogs.....Cost: \$26,675.00.

Money spent on food, supplies, and boarding.....Cost: \$12,552.00.

Help us increase these numbers! Join Rutherford County Humane Society today, or contribute your own financial donation.

You can begin helping animals in Rutherford County today!



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

## You can help save animals!

Have you ever wondered what you can do to help the many homeless and neglected animals in Rutherford County? If you aren't sure where to begin, we invite you to get involved with the Rutherford County Humane Society. Very quickly you will see that your efforts make a real difference!

You will see how your monetary contributions support our spay and neuter programs that reduce unwanted pet populations by the thousands each year. Or how fostering a homeless dog or cat buys them the time they need to find the forever home they deserve. And how speaking up for animals gets humane laws on the books and enforced.

In short, you will be part of a community of like-minded people who help the animals in Rutherford County every day. And you can, too! Won't you join us?



## Some Happy "Tails" ...

### Meet MamaDaddy

Bet you never heard of a cat with this name before! But what else could we call a Mama cat who loyally stayed with a litter of kittens after all of them were dumped off the side of a highway...and when rescued by RCHS, was discovered to be a *male* cat? A special thank you to Dr. Michelle Toms-Greene of Rutherford Veterinary Hospital for nursing them all back to health!



### Say Hello to Howie

This little guy was frantically dodging cars in a busy parking lot when an RCHS volunteer coaxed him into her own car and took him home where he gratefully gobbled down a good meal and a long drink of fresh water – then collapsed in relief on a soft bed! Just a few weeks later



Howie was adopted by a couple who wanted a little brother for their adult pooch.

## Four ways you can help our four-legged friends

- **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.
- **Donate.** Your donation can help 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.
- **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 and the people who love them.
- **Share your time and talent!** Do you have a special skill, or even just an idea for helping animals that you want to put in action? We can't wait to hear from you!