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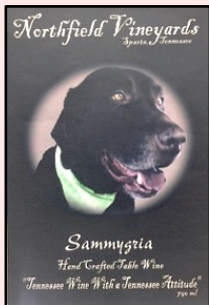
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Like most, Friends of White County Animals, a non-profit, volunteer based organization has been greatly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In accordance with continued social distancing guidelines, our signature fundraising event, Wine N Wags, was cancelled. We exhausted all possible solutions; however, out of concern for the health and safety of our participants, sponsors, and volunteers, we feel this difficult decision reflects our current reality. Our Wine N Wags sponsors, *Airflow Heating and Cooling, Essentials Salon and Spa, Payless Family Pharmacy, Rick Lee State Farm Insurance, Sparta Vet Services, and Speck Family Electric* have agreed to donate their sponsor fees despite having cancellation of the event. These contributions have allowed us to continue to provide services that are needed now more than ever.

Our work is ongoing even in these difficult times, and we are grateful for the financial donations and volunteer effort that have made our mission of education and pet retention possible with the following services this year:

- The FWCA Food Bank which will distribute 40,000 lbs of food this year.
- FWCA stocks a Pet Food Bank at UCHRA for cat and dog food.
- Ongoing provision for the Emergency Veterinary Fund with Sparta Vet Services to assist those who provide good pet homes but cannot afford unexpected emergency vet care.
- Teaming with White County Humane Society in spaying, neutering of the growing population of unwanted or homeless cats with no shelter or rescue provisions in White County.
- The FWCA *Kindness to Animals* curriculum implemented in after-school programs
- Distance learning sessions with *The Elephant Sanctuary* and classroom visits to talk with students about animal welfare.
- The ongoing partnership of FWCA with the special education class at White County High School, and Boy Scout Troop No. 128 to repackage food for distribution while teaching about animal welfare and pet retention
- The provision of Pet Resuscitation Mask Kits to local K9 officers and all 10 county fire stations
- The distribution of packaged dog treats for 14 local drive-thru locations, providing 1000-1400 treats per month

Your support in the past has enabled us to continue our mission of animal welfare, pet retention and education. Please consider a donation today so that our work can continue in 2020 and beyond. Donations can be made by mailing to our P.O. address or by going to our website:

www.friendsofwhitecountyanimals.com (receipt available upon request).
Thank you for your continued partnership!

Sincerely,

Sharon Langford, President

Wags and Purrs

"No matter how little money
and how few possessions
you own, having a dog
makes you rich."
~Louis Sabin

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White Co. Humane Society

931-935-8377

White County Animal Shelter

931-761-3647

How You Can Help

- **P**urchase customized license plates that benefit animals
- **A**dvocate for animals by writing to newspapers and legislative representatives
- **W**elfare legislation support for animals
- **S**ocial Media networking animals needing rescue or help
- **S**pay & Neuter your pets
- **A**dopt from shelters or rescues
- **V**olunteer with organizations that help animals
- **E**ducate kids to care for animals gently and responsibly
- **D**onate financially to organizations that help animals

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Angie and Steve

Over several years we have been blessed with the love, fun, challenges and joy of rescuing three dogs from White County Animal Shelter (WCAS). Simon, a lab pit mix was rescued in 2014 after staying for about 6 months. He is a spirited dog with a tremendous "affection" for squirrels. Ike, a brindle pit, came "home" as a foster after 2 years at the shelter. We fell in love with him and failed as foster parents and he now has his permanent home with us in 2017. He is just nothing but a teddy bear and loves attention. Perry, a black lab pit mix spent about a year at WCAS. He was scared of everything but has improved so much since coming home 2019. He is just a big goof ball, stills growls at Dad but then wants to sit in his lap. He loves attention and wants to be touched all the time. Perry has come through ACL surgery and is doing great. All of the fur kids run free on about 7 fenced acres and are permitted to do what dogs do, enjoy life.

We truly enjoy assisting the shelter with volunteer opportunities whenever we can. In 2019 we transported 136 dogs in multiple trips to NY to be adopted at a rescue group. All of these dogs have found their forever home and enjoy their new families and the sofa in many cases. What a reward for both the dogs and all the humans involved in making these stories a success. We participate in the annual one day spring cleanup of weeding, planting, mulching and beautifying the grounds. We occasionally walk dogs or bring a dog home for a few days to allow them to "be free" and run on our property. There are always projects or daily needs we try to assist with as much as possible. Repairing whatever is needed, building and installing wash sink and cabinets, working on the van, whatever comes up.

If you want some dog therapy and unconditional love, there is a huge need for volunteers at the WCAS.

Donna and Tony

Five years ago after a meeting at the courthouse, I went for my first volunteer day at White County Animal Shelter. When I came home I cried. Tony, my husband, said "You're not going to be able to do this, are you"? I honestly replied that I didn't know if I could or not, but I knew it would help the dogs. I started realizing that yes, you can go and help and at the same time understand that you can't take them all home. White County's animal shelter is like a well-run orphanage with staff who love and are dedicated to the animals. It's easy to sense that the dogs know they are being taken care of and they seem to understand that volunteers will be there to help them but will leave at the end of the day. That was five years ago. It didn't take long for Tony to start helping. We now both go for a fairly full day once a week in addition to other more sporadic duties. While there we walk dogs, play with them, help with small chores, and Stephanie the manager lets us feed the dogs (of course we become the heroes for the day). Because we live in the vicinity of the shelter, we're also able to go check on things when needed. We also serve as a source of help when dogs are being transported to rescue or transported back and forth to the vet. We have done a limited amount of driving for transports, too. Our newest activity is taking a dog to Happy Trails Brewery on Sunday afternoons. The owners of the brewery are animal lovers and advertise who we're bringing. It has been a great way to promote interest in the shelter and it has been a lot of fun.

The dogs know our vehicles so every time we go we're met with excitement. Just walking and playing with the dogs while at the shelter is physically demanding, though, and not for the faint of heart. Most of the dogs are big, strong, and haven't been out for a walk in a few days. We always come home very tired and very dirty. While we are there, we walk the dogs, but the main goal is to spend quality time with them. Yes, they need exercise, but the time spent just paying attention to and playing with individual dogs is just as important. We don't try to train the dogs, we just love them and give them a break from shelter life. There are still some instances that make you choke up, but the rewards far outweigh the sadness you might feel. And some of the choking up is when you say good-bye to one of your favorites because they're leaving on rescue or have been directly adopted. One of our favorites from the shelter needed help after two torn ACLs. We helped her through the surgeries and then we joined the ranks of foster failures. Hershey has been a good addition to our other four animal family.

If White County didn't have the quality shelter that it does, I could not have lasted as a volunteer. The level of quality is directly attributable to Stephanie Smith, the manager, no one else. She has two jobs but only one that is paid. She manages the shelter and then starts her other job as rescuer (all volunteer time). Now, when friends and acquaintances use that cliché "Oh I could never volunteer at the shelter because I'd have to take them all home", I just think, because of your excuse (sorry but that's what it is), you're the one missing out.

Your subscription to our Newsletter is appreciated and communicates to us that you care about animals and want to help.

Thank you for Loving the Animals! 

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