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Troop 40 sponsors supply drive for Humane Society

As a part of a Take Action Project, Girl Scout Junior troop 40 of Kings Mountain Baptist Church recently visited the Cleveland County Humane Society in Shelby. The troop had a tour of the facility and followed Sherry Crowder, who volunteers at the humane society.

They learned that the humane society is a "non-kill" shelter, which means that the animals that are taken in by this organization will not be euthanized. Each animal is cared for with proper feeding and medical care that they need on an individual basis.

These animals receive all of the required vaccinations and are spayed or neutered. They are also micro chipped, so if they ever become lost they can easily be identified by a veterinarian or other animal shelter. Because the Cleveland County Humane Society is a non-profit organization that relies on community support, Troop 40 is sponsoring a supply drive.

If you would like to donate any of the items listed on the humane society's wish list, you may do so by bringing the donated items to



Members of Troop 40 on their visit the CC Humane Society. L-R first row: Sherry Crowder (Cleveland County Humane Society), Mary Carter Johnson, Renee Unnasch, Hannah Smith, Amber Belcher, Makayla Sorrow, Gracie Plonk L-R back row: Isabella Hollifield, Abby Pennington, Emily Graham, Mary Catherine May, Katie Tucker, Maria Kiser

the Mauney Memorial Library or to Cloninger & Neisler, Attorneys office at 300 E. King St. Donations may be made through the end of May. For more information, contact Girl Scout troop 40 leader Karen Tucker at 704-747-3376.

Cleveland County Humane Society's Wish List

PURINA brand kitten chow, PURINA brand cat chow - indoor and regular, PURINA brand puppy chow, PURINA brand dog chow, dog treats, cat and dog toys, NylaBones for dogs, scoopable cat litter - any brand, plastic pet crates - any size, plastic dog houses, chain link dog kennels - new or used, stainless steel food bowls, galvanized meal buckets, new dog collars and leashes, bleach, liquid laundry detergent, liquid hand soap, dryer sheets, paper towels, hand sanitizer, mops and brooms, all size trash bags, all sizes new or used bath towels, copy and printer paper, all office supplies.

PET OF THE MONTH



Foxy is an adult, medium sized, female Labrador Retriever/Pit Bull Terrier mix. She needs someone who can devote time, attention, and love to her. To find out how you can adopt Foxy, or another pet, or to help support the Cleveland County Humane society, visit them at www.clevelandcountyhumesociety.petfinder.com

Would you like to see your pet as our Pet of the Month?

Just send us a picture of you and your pet. Tell us why your pet is special or how you & your pet found each other, etc.

Each month we will choose one pet and its person to be featured on our Critters page.

All entries will be included in a drawing at the end of the year for a prize for your pet.

It's easy: Stop by our office, mail it to 700 E. Gold St., Kings Mountain NC 28086 or Email your photo and information to us at pets.kmherald@gmail.com. Please include your name and phone number so we may contact you.

Protect your pet from summer heat, pests

Heating & Cooling: Summer is approaching fast and the temperatures are rising quickly. Making sure your pet stays hydrated and cool is so important. Heat injury occurs when a dog's body temperature exceeds his ability to cool himself. Unlike people, your

dogs body temperature ranges between 100 and 102.5 degrees fahrenheit. When body temperatures elevate above 106 F, normal cooling mechanisms are overwhelmed, which can result in heat stroke, a serious condition requiring intervention and medical treat-

ment. A summer hair cut can relieve heat stress, as well as keeping your pet in the air conditioning or a well ventilated area with circulating fans. Be careful because some pets can sunburn so make sure they have shaded areas to get under. Always have fresh cool water available for your pet to drink. Never leave your dog in a car, it doesn't take but minutes for your pet to overheat.

Summer Pests: Unfortunately with warmer weather comes those dreadful fleas and ticks. Time to

get ahead of them. Fleas can enter the home in many ways, even if your pet is rarely allowed outside. They can hop in from your yard, hitch a ride on you or even be left over from previous inhabitants. You need to treat your pet with flea baths and flea meds applied either in a liquid on the back of their neck or in the form of pills.

Have you ever noticed that sometimes this does not seem to help? It is because you have to treat the yard and your house at the same time to keep them away. Flea

collars are not known to work well so make sure you do more than use them alone.

You can get flea and tick products for your yard and house from many hardware stores. Fleas and ticks carry many diseases and they can aggravate your pet tremendously.

Remember your pets love you and are there for you, so protect them from the heat, fleas and ticks.

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