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Animal Control Seeks Foster Homes for Puppies

FAYETTEVILLE, NC – Cumberland County Animal Control is in immediate need of foster homes for rescued puppies awaiting transportation to a no-kill shelter in New York. Foster homes are needed to help the animals meet the required two-week quarantine outside the county's animal shelter in order to be picked up by the out-of-state rescue.

Cumberland County recently joined forces with Moore and Scotland counties to send regular transports of puppies to the North Shore Animal League in New York. However, the no-kill shelter requires a minimum of 35 puppies in order to transport the animals.

“This is where foster families can help by keeping puppies in their homes and outside Cumberland County's animal shelter during the quarantine period,” said Cumberland County Animal Control Shelter Manager Jennifer Hutchinson-Tracy.

Cumberland County Animal Control's foster care program is designed to save as many animals as possible. Fostering an animal can take as long as three months to just a few days depending on the reason the animal needs foster care. Foster owners must be 18 years old and sign a liability waiver. Foster orientation is the third Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Animal Control shelter, 4704 Corporation Dr.

Short-term care is needed for the following kinds of animals:

- Pregnant and nursing dogs and cats
- Orphaned puppies and kittens
- Puppies and kittens brought into the shelter that are not quite old enough to place on adoption
- Animals needing recovery time from medical procedures or illness
- Animals that rescues will take as soon as they have a space or transportation
- Young animals that need to learn social skills in order to go up for adoption

In addition to foster owners, other volunteers are always needed at the Animal Shelter. For more information about fostering or volunteering, call 910-321-6852 or go to www.co.cumberland.nc.us/animal_control. You can also see photos and profiles of adoptable animals on the Animal Control website or on Cumberland County's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cumberlandNC.

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