



Digital eNewsletter

Dear Friends,

As this year draws to a close, I want to thank each of you for supporting The Bridge Home No Kill Animal Rescue. Each of you has supported us in one way another. Whether you have adopted; donated money, volunteer time, or supplies; shared our posts on Facebook; or followed us and given moral support to our animals, you are making a difference in these animals' lives. We truly appreciate all of your efforts. It is because of YOU that we can continue our work to care for homeless animals until their new family comes to give them a forever home. I am proud of our Rescue and our work to re-home 289 animals to date in 2023. I am reminded daily that it is people like YOU that help to make all of this possible. We are grateful to all of you for helping to give cats and dogs a second chance for a loving home.

We are looking ahead to 2024 with a number of ambitious projects that will help the animals live more comfortably and safely at our facility. We must replace the non-operational HVAC system so we have reliable heat and air in animal areas. We must also replace the guillotine doors that allow dogs safe access to their outdoor kennels from inside. Lastly, we are applying new flooring in the cat adoption room and reception area that will be more durable, sanitary, and easy to clean.

These projects represent substantial investments of funds and total approximately \$90,000 dollars to complete. We are asking for your help this holiday season for the animals and these projects. Please consider participating in our Season of Giving Program, which also includes the Pet Angel Trees and the Trim a Tree programs which are detailed below.

We greatly appreciate the support of our community, as we rely solely on donations. One hundred percent of your gift goes to taking care of our homeless pets while they wait for their new family.

Thank you for your support! On behalf of all the staff, volunteers, and the Board of Directors, we wish you happy holidays and good health in the New Year.

Sincerely,



Alexa Serfis, President

SEASON OF GIVING

We are celebrating the holiday season with special events and the three programs below:



Trim A Tree

Trim a Tree is a fundraising project to help support the Rescue operations. To participate, make a gift online of at least \$10 using our ["Trim a Tree" donation form](#) and include a picture of your pet (optional), along with their name(s) and/or yours to be included on the ornament. Our team will make a custom ornament honoring your contribution and hang it on the tree displayed in our lobby. Pictures will be posted on our [Facebook](#) page throughout the season.

[TRIM OUR TREE WITH YOUR GIFT](#)

Pet Angel Trees



Pet Angel Trees

Pets from the community, and Bridge Home pets, are in need this holiday season. Visit one of our Pet Angel Tree locations below to select an ornament and sponsor a pet this holiday season (name & wishlist included on each ornament).

Participating Locations:

- The Bridge Home No Kill Animal Rescue (2061 Highway 75, Blountville, TN)
- Blackbird Bakery (56 Piedmont Ave, Bristol, VA)
- US Endodontics (2809 W Walnut Street, Johnson City, TN)
- First Class Floral Design (137 East Main Street, Jonesborough, TN)
- Military Outdoor Supply (3102C Bristol Hwy, Johnson City, TN)
- PetSmart (16760 Highlands Center Blvd, Bristol, VA)
- Pike House Coffee Roasters (2203 McKinley Rd, Johnson City, TN)
- Bullpit Fitness Center (3008 Bristol Hwy, Johnson City, TN)
- Kingsport Senior Center in Lynn View Community Center (257 Walker St, Kingsport, TN)
- Rainbow's End Floral (214 E Center Street, Kingsport, TN)
- *We are also featured on the Pet Angel Tree at PetSupplies Plus (2219 N Roan Street, Suite A, Johnson City, TN)*



**Warm Our Paws and Our Hearts Fundraising Campaign
(through December 31)**

Join us in making your annual gift by December 31, 2023 and help us to install a new HVAC system in our shelter. The old system is inadequate to properly heat and cool our facilities year-round. We estimate the project to cost between \$50,000 - \$70,000, which will not only enhance our facilities, but will allow us to provide temperate conditions for the animals in our care for years to come. All gifts made to The Bridge Home go to directly support the animals in our care.

[GIVE ONLINE](#)

FOREVER HOME FEATURES



Lita's Journey Home

Lita was brought to our Rescue in February 2018 by an employee who had taken her in as a stray. She was skittish and tended to hide in our community cat room and she did not give visitors an opportunity to see her (or how much she loves attention). Lita stayed with us until February 2023, when a family adopted her.

Lita remained skittish in her new home but slowly warmed up and became much more trusting. After nine months with her family she has finally decided to sit in their laps! It took so long for her to feel comfortable and enjoy being loved. We are so grateful to this family for giving her a chance for

By the numbers

With special thanks to all of our forever families, you've given over 1,144 animals a place to call home since 2020.

2020 (229 adoptions)

152 - cats
77 dogs

2021 (248 adoptions)

118 - cats
130 - dogs

2022 (378 adoptions)

168- cats
210 - dogs

2023 (289 adoptions to date)

125 - cats
164 - dogs

a loving home, and for being patient with her until she was ready.

EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

Dec 2.

10:30 a.m.

Johnson City

Blue Plum Christmas Parade

Find us in the Christmas Parade in Johnson City! We will have a couple pups walking in the parade will be handing out candy! [View the parade route here.](#)

Nov. 24 - Dec. 19

Locations vary

Pet Angel Trees

We have Pet Angel Trees at ten locations throughout the Tri-cities area (see above for details). Help us replenish much-needed supplies for our animals by selecting an ornament or two from a tree at a participating location.

Dec. 9

12 - 4 p.m.

Our Rescue

Holiday Open House and Raffle

Santa will be here to meet you and take pictures with both kids and pets. You are welcome to bring your pet for a picture (must be up to date on rabies vaccine please). Pictures can be made into ornaments. We have refreshments, tattoos and coloring for kids, and tours of the facility. Our Quilt and Holiday raffles will be held at 3 pm. Raffle details and tickets can be purchased [on our home page](#) or at the Rescue up until the drawing. We welcome everyone to come meet us!

**Now through
March 2024**

*Buffalo Wild
Wings
(Bristol)*

Fundraiser At Buffalo Wild Wings

Come enjoy some great food at the Bristol, VA, Buffalo Wild Wings and help animals at the same time! The restaurant will donate a percentage of your

purchase to the Bridge Home but patrons need to mention this fundraiser when you visit.

Highlights from Previous Events

A yard/bake sale was held in June at the Rescue, and two others were attended. We also held *Christmas in July* with Pet Angel Trees at nine locations, which yielded much-needed supplies for our animals. We've had numerous adoption events at PetSmart and Tractor Supply, where cats and dogs found their forever families. The rescue served as a vendor at Bristol Peppercorn Festival, Apple Festival in Erwin, and the Old Fashion Christmas Fair recently in Kingsport at the Senior Center.

READY FOR ADOPTION



Meet Gucci

Gucci is a senior dog that desperately needs a home. He has been at the Rescue two and a half years.

- Ten years old pointer mix
- Sweetest boy who loves attention!
- Is protective of his humans
- Would do well as the only animal. He does not like other dogs or cats.

[Inquire about adopting Gucci](#)

Introducing Axel

Axel is a special needs kitty. We are still looking for an adopter for this playful sweetheart.

- Three years and 8 months old...Look at that mustache!
- Is extremely playful and loving. The Rescue favorite!
- Feline leukemia virus (FeLV) positive, needs special home.
- Would do well as the only cat, or with another FeLV positive cat.



[Adopt Axel Today.](#)

SUPPORT OUR RESCUE



WILL YOU GIVE A GIFT
TO LOCAL RESCUE PETS
TODAY?

As a non-government entity, all of our operating and care expenses are funded by donors, like you. Please use the link below to **make your annual donation by Dec. 31** to receive tax credit for this calendar year.

MAKE A GIFT TODAY





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