



Bridge Home NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2026

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Dear Friends,

As I look around our rescue each day, I am reminded that The Bridge Home is so much more than a building. It is a place of hope, second chances, and new beginnings. Every adoption, every volunteer hour, every donation, and every share on social media helps transform the lives of the animals in our care.

Our mission has always been simple: to make The Bridge Home just a stepping stone to forever. Thanks to your support, we continue to move closer to that goal every single day.

Connecting with our community remains one of our highest priorities. We never want someone to say, "I didn't know you were there." Whether through adoption events, school partnerships, community outreach, fundraisers, social media, or local media appearances, we are constantly looking for ways to share the stories of the animals who need us and the people who help make our work possible.

One partnership that has made a tremendous impact is our relationship with Rebecca Peppin and the entire WCYB team. Their commitment to showcasing rescue pets and highlighting our mission helps us reach thousands of people throughout Northeast Tennessee, Southwest Virginia, and beyond. Their continued support gives our residents a voice and helps connect them with potential adopters who may never have known about them otherwise.

This year has also brought exciting opportunities to strengthen our rescue through facility improvements, community partnerships, adoption events, and programs designed to improve the quality of life for the animals in our care. From community donation drives and adoption events to volunteer initiatives and educational outreach, we continue to find new ways to engage with the people who make our work possible.

On behalf of everyone at The Bridge Home No Kill Animal Rescue, thank you for believing in our mission and supporting the animals in our care. Thank you for helping us create second chances, build brighter futures, and ensure that The Bridge Home remains exactly what its name represents—a bridge from homelessness to hope, and from shelter life to forever.

With gratitude,


Executive Director

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MID 2026 IMPACT

76 Dog
Adoptions



74 Cat
Adoptions



110
Volunteers

1,947
Volunteer
Hours



THANK YOU!

Bridge the Gap Summer Campaign



During the **summer months**, our rescue experiences a shortage of monetary and supply donations. We're asking for your help to assist us to "Bridge the Gap," so that we can provide continued care to all of the animals in the rescue. You have the opportunity to participate in three of our projects.

Paws For A Cause: Make a monetary donation of \$10 or more during July or August and receive a paw display in our lobby. You may personalize your paw with your name or your pet's name(s). Help us fill our walls with support for rescue animals!

Pet Angel Trees: Christmas in July: Patriotic Pet Angel Trees will be displayed throughout the Tri-Cities during **July**. Each tree features tags listing an animal's name and specific needs. Select a tag from one of the below locations, purchase the needed item, and return it to the tree location.

Tree Locations Include:

- The Bridge Home No Kill Animal Rescue, 2061 Highway 75, Blountville, TN
- Glitz, Grunge, Grace: A Unique Boutique, 2444 TN 75, Suite 2, Blountville, TN 37617
- Outback Steakhouse, 308 Bristol W Blvd, Bristol, TN 37620
- Blackbird Bakery, 188 Piedmont Ave, Bristol, VA 24201
- Pet Partners, 1962 W State St, Bristol, TN 37620
- PetSmart, 16760 Highlands Center Blvd, Bristol, VA 24202
- Buffalo Wild Wings, 240 Falls Blvd, Bristol, VA 24201
- Tennessee Hills Distillery, 90 Tennessee Hills Wy, Bristol, TN 37620
- Lucky Rabbit Tattoo, 3847 TN 394, #3, Bluff City, TN 37618
- Tennessee Hills Distillery, 127 Fox St, Jonesborough, TN 37659
- First Class Floral Design, 137 E Main St, Jonesborough, TN 37659
- The Historic Eureka Inn, 127 W Main St, Jonesborough, TN 37659
- Tennessee Hills Brewstillery, 458 W Walnut St, Johnson City, TN 37604
- Bullpit Fitness Center, 3008 Bristol Hwy, Johnson City, TN 37601
- Mountain Top Fitness & Physio Lab PT, 3314 Wayfield Dr. #2, Johnson City, TN 37601
- Portobello's Italian Bistro, 1805 W State of Franklin Rd #400, Johnson City, TN 37604
- Boones Creek Animal Hospital, 1750 Old Gray Station Rd, Johnson City, TN 37615
- Kingsport Senior Center, 1200 E Center St, Kingsport, TN 37660



Supplies Drive at Select Locations and Online: For the months of **July and August** we are asking for supplies donations for the animals and the rescue. Donors can leave supplies donations at any tree location, box locations, at the rescue, or order from our wishlists at Chewy and Amazon and have them delivered to the rescue. Please visit bridgehome.org/list-of-supply-needs/ to view our wish lists.

Donation Box Locations:

- The Bristol Boo-tique, 503 State St, Bristol, VA 24201
- Ashley Furniture Kingsport, 2716 E Stone Dr S, Kingsport, TN 37660
- Ashley Furniture Johnson City, 155 Marketplace Dr, Johnson City, TN 37604
- Zak's Home, 4524 N Roan St, Johnson City, TN 37615



Be sure to follow us on our website and Facebook for any location and donation updates for this awesome cause!

THE BRIDGE HOME PRESENTS DOUG MANCABELLI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sat., September 12 - 9:00 A.M. Shotgun Start

CATTAILS AT MEADOWVIEW GOLF COURSE | 1901 MEADOWVIEW PKWY, KINGSPORT

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Jessica Ketron, DVM

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Participation Opportunities

- 🐾 **Team Sponsor - \$440** (includes foursome green fees, two carts, lunch, and logo on all media)
- **Interactive Hole Sponsor - \$300** (includes hole sponsorship)
- **Hole Sponsor - \$250** (includes hole sponsorship)
- **KP Sponsor - \$200** (includes awards presentation of company; closest to the pin male/female)
- **Longest Drive - \$200** (includes awards presentation of company; longest drive male/female)
- **Sign Sponsor - \$100** (logo/name displayed on course)

Sign up a team or become a sponsor
by contacting us at 423-956-2237
or
stephanie.broome@bridgehome.org

This fundraiser benefits and helps
animals in our rescue, just like the
story below about Leo!

Can't attend the tournament but want to support our mission?

Create and donate a gift basket for our Silent Auction - items due Sept. 1
(for suggestions, visit us online at: bridgehome.org/golf)

Registration Form

ENTRY DONATION: \$440 Per Team (includes 4 person scramble-no handicap, best ball, 18 holes,
2 carts, 2 flight scoring, and 4 lunches)

	TEAM CAPTAIN?	NAME (FIRST & LAST AND COMPANY, IF APPLICABLE)	EMAIL ADDRESS
1			
2			
3			
4			

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT

Name on Card:

Card Type and Number:

Expires ____/____

CVC # _____

Zip Code _____

Please enclose this form along with payment made payable to:
The Bridge Home No Kill Animal Rescue, PO Box 654, Blountville, TN 37617

OTHER NEWS



After 6 long years, Leo is finally HOME

For countless holidays, Leo waited patiently in the shelter for someone to choose him. That all changed when Susan and Scott Russell from Colorado saw his photos online and traveled to Tennessee to meet him. The connection was instant. In fact, they canceled their return flight and rented a car so Leo could begin his new life immediately.

Now, Leo is soaking up every moment of family life — from soft beds and outdoor adventures to cuddle time and even organic steak dinners. This year, he celebrated his very first Mother's Day with his new mama, Susan.

Scott shared that Leo has already met extended family members and has been “super sweet,” loving on everyone he meets. While he still carries some kennel stress after spending so many years in a shelter environment, he's quickly learning what love, comfort, and security feel like. Leo's story is a beautiful reminder that every share matters. One post helped connect him with the family he had waited six long years to find.

Can Recycle Locations

The rescue has been collecting and recycling aluminum cans for over 10 years! This volunteer based effort provides funding for the rescue operations. Aluminum cans are collected at three locations, then transported to Foss Recycling in Kingsport. We receive commercial rates because of the amount of cans recycled, which amounts to several hundred pounds per month — and results in great revenue for the rescue helping the homeless pets in our care.

Donate your aluminum cans at the following locations:

- The Bridge Home (fenced donation area; 2061 Highway 75, Blountville)
- Companion Animal Hospital (small wood box, 3315 Roller Drive, Kingsport)
- Air Works HVAC (large chain link fenced pen, 5633 Memorial Blvd, Kingsport)

In 2025 we collected \$10,712 worth of aluminum cans... we look forward to collecting more this year! Thank you for supporting us!

Yearly Sponsorships

Yearly Sponsorship for dogs and cats includes vaccines, flea treatment, deworming, and medication as needed. The dog and cat isolation rooms provide space for the intake, health checks and needed medication if they are sick before they move to kennels or the community cat room. If you would like to be a sponsor, please call The Bridge Home at 423-239-5237 for more details.

Dog Kennels.....	\$400 Per Kennel
Cat Condo/Catio.....	\$200 Per Area
Community Cat Room.....	\$500
Dog Yard.....	\$600
Dog/Cat Isolation.....	\$750
Kitten Nursery.....	\$750

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 25th: Zak's Furniture Community Night 12-8pm

August 22nd: Revved for Rescue: Porsche Car Show Event at Tennessee Hills Distillery

September 12th: 2nd Annual Doug Mancabelli Golf Tournament

November-December: Season of Giving

Chuck E Cheese, Johnson City TN: Jun 19, Jul 24, Aug 28, Sept 25, Oct 23, and Nov 13

PetSmart Adoption, Bristol VA: Jun 27, Jul 25, Aug 22, Sep 26, Oct 3, and Dec 5.

For the full list of events visit:
bridgehome.org/events-calendar/



Let's Stay Connected!



contact@bridgehome.org