



Sumter Humane Society



Peace Love Rescue

These words are displayed at the entrance to the shelter and they seem to take on an even greater meaning at this time. In many of our lifetimes, 2020 has been a year like no other. Business closures, social distancing, travel bans, masks, social unrest, home schooling, work from home, and curfews became commonplace.

How has that changed life at the Sumter Humane Society? Not one bit! Our staff never missed a day caring for the orphans. We continued to accept animals throughout it all and our passion for saving lives never wavered.

When we could not transport our pets out of state, our rescue partners found them foster homes. Over 800 lives have already been saved this year by returning back home to their owners, adoption, or transfer. That is truly something our small community can be very proud of.



Peace A marvelous example of peace would be Rambo's story. Abused as a puppy, he was turned over to animal control as an adult terrified of people. No one had been able to touch him for some time and he was a bit intimidating. When he arrived, we immediately began working on gaining his trust. We never rushed Rambo. He was allowed to stay in an outside run until we slowly put a leash on him. We then began walking him into the building at night to stay in a kennel. He soon realized that food came twice a day and no one ever raised a hand or their voice to him. It wasn't long before that tail started wagging when he saw one of the staff. We even went so far as to schedule his neuter with one of our wonderful vets where he received his anesthesia in the van and was carried inside for the surgery and carried back out after so as to have the least amount of stress possible. A rescue fell in love with his story and completed his heartworm treatment – he was positive. We soon received a report that one of the vet techs was taking him home for sleep overs! Just a few weeks ago we were notified that he is now living in Virginia and pictures were included of him sleeping on a sofa, walking on a leash in a store, and playing with his neighborhood dog friends. Rambo has learned the peace of having lots of people who cared and took the time to make a difference in his life.



Love It is said there is nothing like a mother's love. A number of babies were born at the shelter this year including the eleven pups pictured at the top of the page. Some of our pregnant dogs and cats were transferred to rescue before birthing. Lots of mamas came in with their babies in tow including our adorable Polare and her son Beare pictured here. Most of the time these families came in dirty, thin, covered in fleas, and with no medical care given. When a litter arrives it is all hands on deck! Baths are given immediately to all puppies and sometimes even kittens. They are checked over, de-wormed and vaccinated. Small babies stay with mama. Older pups go into one of our suites. A majority of the canine moms are heartworm positive so once the babies are weaned they transport and the adults receive heartworm treatment. If all goes well a month later mom goes to her forever home. Nothing shows love better than robust healthy pups and kittens loading up in our van on their way to wonderful new lives.



Rescue We are often asked why most of our dogs and cats travel to out-of-state rescues. The answer is quite simple. Our valued partners take almost everything! The old, the blind, animals that have had



limbs removed, those with a diagnosis of a short lifespan – if it is people friendly and the canine is dog friendly it can be saved. In order to keep the bit harder to adopt orphans traveling north like the hundreds of adult bulldogs and older felines we receive every year, we must also include the pups, kittens, and small dogs. If we didn't provide some of the “easy” ones this pipeline would dry up and our save rate would go from consistently being in upper eighty to ninety percent down to the teens. The choice is simple – our mission is to save lives and rescue is the only option.

As the end of this extremely challenging year approaches, we reflect on how through your generosity the ill, suffering, neglected, unwanted, and abandoned go from complete and utter despair to walks on the beach, swims in the ocean, and snuggles under covers. Without donations from our valued supporters such as yourself, none of this is possible. Your financial assistance keeps our door open and funds all medical care, the rescue program, and our community low cost spay/neuter program.

On behalf of all the animals that we have had the fortune to save, our hearts are filled with gratitude and we thank you. Together we are giving hope and forever changing lives.

No gift is too small. Your generosity allows our local Humane Society to continue to treat, heal and protect the scared, emotionally damaged, physically injured pets and to house the homeless puppies, dogs, kittens and cats in our care for as long as it takes to find them a loving home and family. As the holidays approach please remember to include the Sumter Humane Society in your plans of giving. Your donation is not only a tax deduction, but can be a great gift idea for your friends, family, and coworkers.



The Sumter Humane Society staff and Board of Directors would like to thank you and wish you and your family the best of health and happiness this Holiday Season and the New Year.

Respectfully Yours,

Ruth Olson, Director



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