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### **John Henry....**

just one of over 2,000 homeless animals Old Fella helped change the life of. Rescued from Waynesboro's City Shelter, fostered and adopted from our partner shelter in Salem, Mass. in July 2011.

## OUR MISSION

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Old Fella Burke County Animal Rescue exists to improve the quality of life of forsaken companion animals by giving them medical care, food, water, shelter and love. This is accomplished via our foster home network and through efforts to find suitable forever homes through our adoption and transport programs. We strive to reduce the number of homeless companion animals, not just in Burke County, but across the CSRA. We do this by providing access to low cost, or free, spay-neuter surgeries and by raising community awareness about responsible pet ownership through humane education to elementary school children. The prevention of animal cruelty is central to all we do.

## OUR HISTORY

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It all started Labor Day weekend of 2005, when a Waynesboro couple was touched by an old homeless dog they saw at an RV park in SC. Within months, that dog had become a permanent member of their family. By late the following year, a grassroots organization was started in honor of that very dog. From September to December of 2006, 33 dogs were documented as saved. In February of 2007, the rescue, now officially known as “Old Fella Burke County Animal Rescue” had a shelter license and was in the business of saving the homeless dogs and cats of Burke County.



An all too frequent sighting around the South, homeless animals abandoned and hungry.

# OUR PROGRAMS

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**DIXIE DOGS:** Because many communities in the Northeast have effective spay and neuter programs as well as public awareness of the damaging impact of pet stores and puppy mills, they are virtually without excess puppies and dogs. The picture in the CSRA, of course, is much different. We have more homeless dogs than there are homes. Old Fella transports many of our rescue dogs to our partner shelters in the Northeast. Burke County dogs are not the only lucky ones, as we partner with other rescues and shelters across the CSRA in order to give their homeless pups a chance also. Since it's inception, Old Fella has accepted, for transport, over 300 dogs from other rescues in the CSRA. Our transports also give caring owners, forced to surrender their dogs, a chance to relinquish them without abandoning them to local high-kill shelters.



Volunteers preparing some lucky pups for transport.



Litters of puppies are surrendered by owners or are rescued by others and then surrendered . Unwanted pregnancies resulting in homeless pups, can easily be prevented with spay and neuter.

**LITTER PATROL:** Old Fella provides access to free, or low cost , spay-neuter surgeries, believing that this is the solution to the pet overpopulation situation for Burke County and the rest of the South. Old Fella volunteers work with a local veterinarian for reduced fees as well as by driving a van load of companion animals to the high volume, low cost clinics an hour away. Old Fella also offers our transport model to the citizens of neighboring counties as an alternative to their limited sterilization options. Since its inception, the Litter Patrol has sterilized over 1,000 companion animals and feral cats, with the majority of those owned by individuals in our community.

## OUR PROGRAMS continued..

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**LOCAL ADOPTIONS:** Old Fella has no shelter and relies on a network of foster homes to provide for animals rescued and surrendered to us. The foster setting gives our dogs an edge when they leave foster for transport or adoption, because they are socialized and have been exposed to obedience training. Although the majority of our dogs are transported for adoption, some discover their forever families close by. Old Fella foster parents play an integral roll in the adoption process, meeting with applicants and answering questions. Our adoption coordinators screen all applicants and conduct home visits prior to all adoptions.



**HUMANE EDUCATION:** Children hold the key to any future change, including the manner in which animals are treated. Old Fella provides quality character education to the children of Burke County. The Old Fella's Kids program has also been presented to a Richmond County school and private schools upon request. It is the hope of the Humane Education Committee that the program will have the opportunity to grow and become a model for other groups in other counties. Since its inception in October 2007, the Humane Education team has presented to more than 2,000 students and 60 adults.

## OUR PROGRAMS continued..

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Queenie was pulled from RCAS only one day before she was to be killed for “lack of space”. She lives in Richmond County with her adoptive family.

**COLLABORATION:** Old Fella members believe that sharing what we have learned and acquired is vital to improving the animal overpopulation crisis. In five years, we have partnered with and/or mentored over a dozen other groups. We reserve space on each and every transport for dogs from other rescues and shelters across the CSRA (and beyond as the need arises). We focus on Burke County as the homeless animals in our county have no other options or resources for protection. Burke County has no animal control . However, when resources allow , we pull dogs from area shelters who would otherwise be killed. We believe that everything we do is “For the dogs!”, not just Old Fella/Burke County dogs.



Spaces are set aside on each and every transport for dogs from other rescues and shelters. Bulloch County Humane volunteers and a STARS volunteer help load their dogs.



Litters of puppies, like the one Stretch and Sam came from , are killed daily at open admission county run shelters in the CSRA. With Old Fella’s resources, we are often able to save litters just like this one. After spending 4-6 weeks in foster care, these little guys wait for their turn to load on the van headed north.

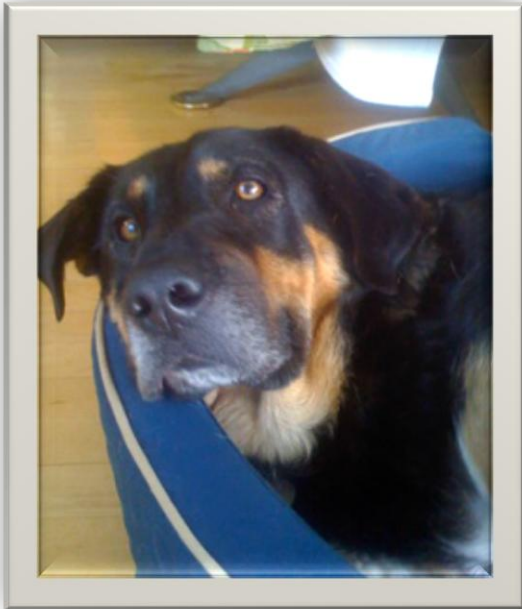
## OUR SUCCESS



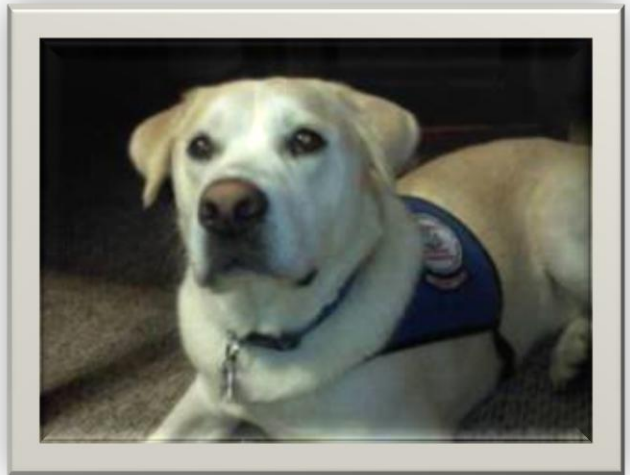
Bruce, once a scared stray fending for himself now knows what its like to be comfortable and safe.



Now in a loving home of her own in Massachusetts, Bella was once one of 15 homeless puppies found living under an abandoned vehicle.

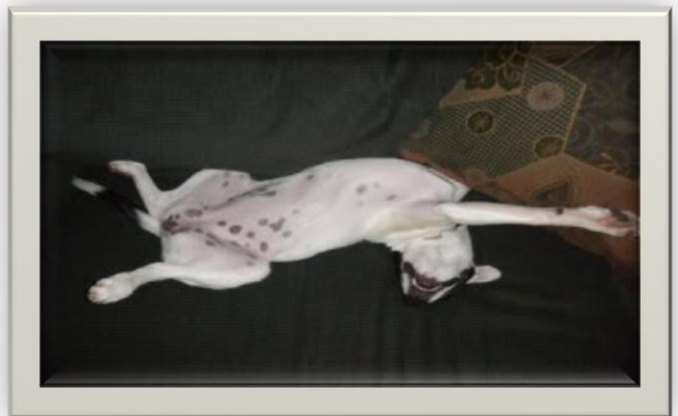


Sarge, a story of neglect that made national news. Now, Charlie, his rags to riches story is one of our best. Sarge lives on the ocean with his new mom and 4 legged siblings.



Sugar, now a trained therapy dog, was just one of the throw-aways that caring citizens and rescue members save everyday.

London, one of a litter that was abandoned at various dumpster sites across the county. She now loves the sofa and car rides with her adoptive family.



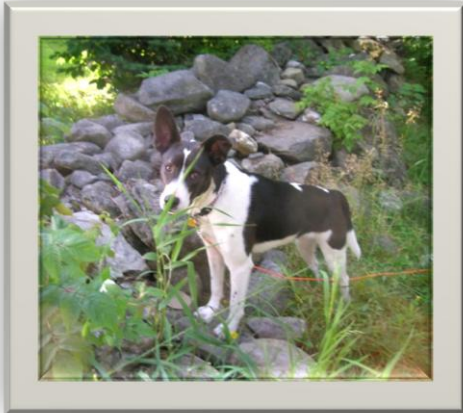
## OUR SUCCESS



Bo, drinking from dirty puddles and eating food left at a dumpster, now enjoys the good life in Atlanta.



Anna, one of Old Fella's first rescues in 2006 now lives in Ohio with her family. Her family adopted another Old Fella dog a few years later and promotes Old Fella on their travels around the U.S as RV enthusiasts.



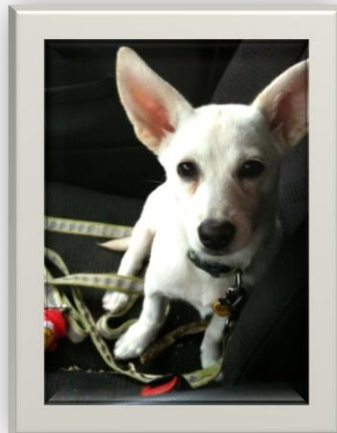
Holly, now Dakota, abandoned in a Wal-Mart parking lot at Christmastime. Her new mom thanks us for saving her and says "Keep up the good work for they do fill the heart for that special someone they were meant to be with."



Sometimes, Old Fella pups never leave Burke County. We jokingly call these foster failures, but Bodie, Sophie and Henry, just call themselves lucky. Their family didn't fail them, they fell in love.



Kona, one of 15 nursing pups found abandoned at a trash dumpster on a chilly April morning. His adoptive mom says that he has changed their lives...just as they have for him.



Natalie, now Madison, one of the worst cases of neglect on a litter of helpless puppies. that we have seen. Adopted through one of our partner shelters, she now happily resides with a loving family in New England.

# OUR FUTURE

## The Prolific Dog

1 <sup>st</sup> year	4 offspring with 2 females
2 <sup>nd</sup> year	12 offspring
3 <sup>rd</sup> year	36 offspring
5 <sup>th</sup> year	324 offspring

## The Prolific Cat

1 <sup>st</sup> year	3 litters=12 offspring
2 <sup>nd</sup> year	144 offspring
3 <sup>rd</sup> year	1,728 offspring
4 <sup>th</sup> year	10,736 offspring
7 <sup>th</sup> year	370,192 offspring

\* data from Sacramento SPCA website

Old Fella's members believe that sheltering is pointless until we reduce the number of unwanted births. Old Fella will continue to do just that by preventing unwanted cats and dogs with it's Litter Patrol Spay-Neuter Program and removing as many adoptable but homeless dogs through Dixie Dog Transports.

In five years, Old Fella has not only rescued or altered over 2,000 companion animals, it has also prevented the births of, literally, hundreds of thousands of unwanted dogs and cats.

*Where do we go from here?* Old Fella, like the animals it saves, is homeless. We rely on foster homes to provide shelter for our rescued animals. Old Fella needs a home.

Thanks to a generous land donation as well as area businesses' support, Old Fella will finally have a home, a permanent place for us, but still a temporary home for Burke County's homeless pets on the road to their forever home.



A generous donation of 3.25 acres will soon be home to Old Fella Burke County Animal Rescue

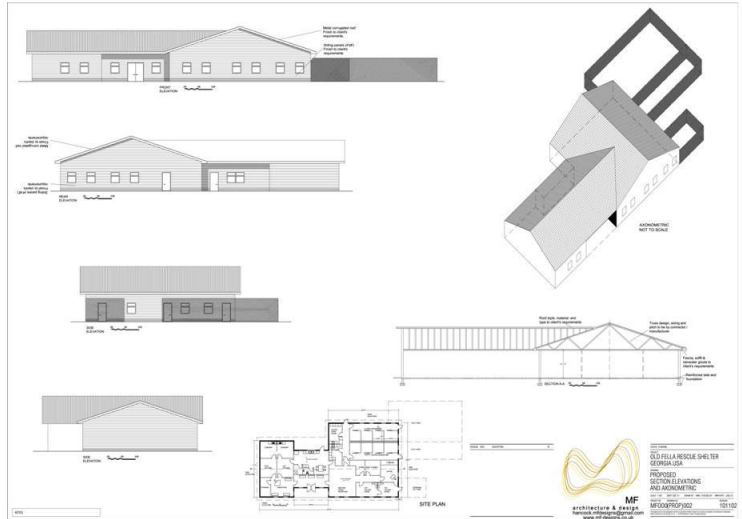
With the generous donation came the stipulation that Old Fella must have a certificate of occupancy by December 2012 or the land will revert back to the original owner. The Board of Directors and members of Old Fella have developed plans for The Old Fella Burke County Animal Rescue Animal Shelter. It is our hope that with these facilities, we will continue to reduce the numbers of homeless animals in Burke County and across the CSRA, by continuing what we have been improving on for the past five years.

# OUR PLANS

## The Building:

Purpose: A safe haven for even more of Burke County's homeless companion animals as well as an education center to be used for educational activities, meetings, special events and adoptions.

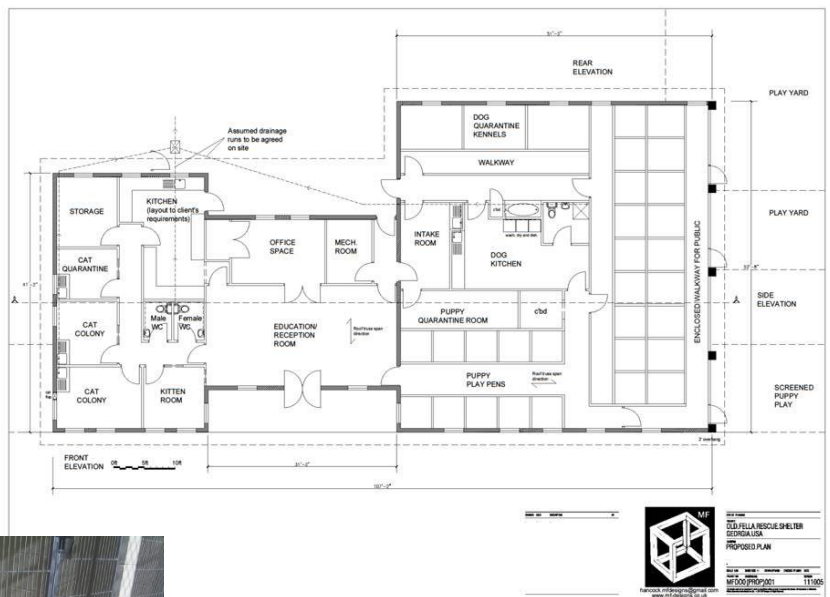
Size: approx. 4,000 sq ft.



Cost Estimate: \$270,631



puppy quarantine (proposed)



puppy pen (proposed)



dog kennel area (proposed)

# OUR PLANS continued

## Fundraising and In-Kind Donations:

In addition to the land donation, Old Fella has the following In-Kind donations:

Site survey: Steve Bargeron

Land clearing: Wayne Crocket

Driveway installation: Reeves Construction

Well installation: Tommy Rowell

General Contractor services

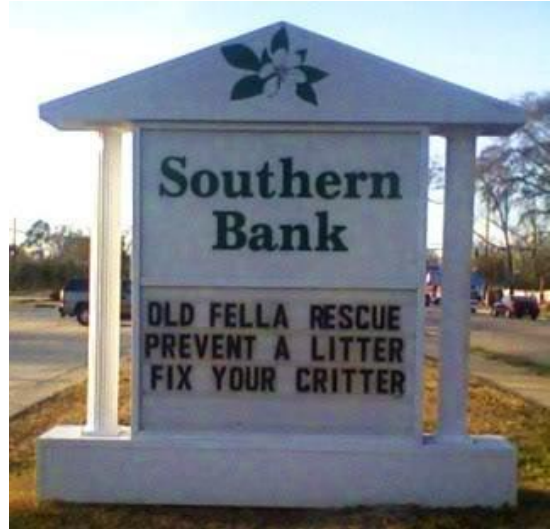
Plumbing supplies and installation

Well supplies

Sheetrock installation

Fencing installation

Architectural plans: Mark Hancock, BA hons. Dip Arch MA ARB

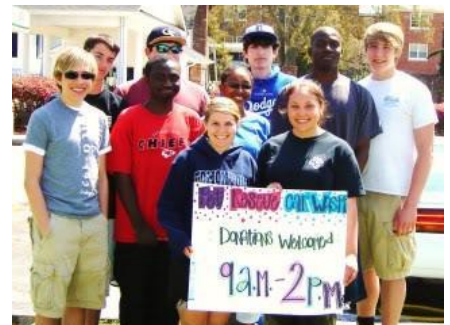


Burke County Commissioners have shown their support of our efforts by waiving all building permit fees.

For the fourth year, the commissioners are continuing to provide county funds for spay and neuter services. The funds, which do not come to Old Fella, but are paid directly to the contracted clinic, will spay or neuter almost 100 animals each year. Old Fella' originally initiated and continues to administrates this program.

## Grants:

Old Fella volunteers have written various grants totaling over \$40,000 since 2008. The majority of these grants has been for spay-neuter and education funds. Old Fella will continue writing grants in order to fund the various programs.



Old Fella is supported by various groups and individuals throughout the community.

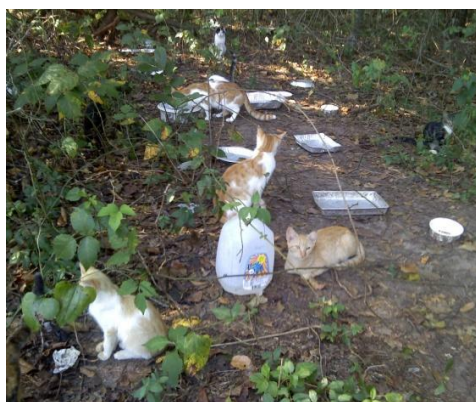
## OUR PROPOSED NEW PROGRAMS

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**Cats:** Old Fella has not had the resources needed to rescue cats. With adoptive homes and foster homes even harder to find and transports not an option, we have had to turn away too many requests for help. Even with Old Fella's Litter Patrol and TNR programs (trap, neuter, return) for feral community cats, the cat situation continues to be out-of-control. Plans for the Old Fella facility include cat colony rooms and an outdoor screened area for cats taken in for adoption.

**Quarantine:** At intake, rescued dogs go directly into foster homes. Frequently, due to the conditions from which the dogs come, they are parasite infested and contagious. It is not best practice to put these pups directly into foster homes, but it is currently our only option. With our proposed facility, that will change. An intake exam room will give volunteers a place to not only keep supplies but to complete the necessary medical procedures. The pups will be cleaned up and provided a warm, dry place to stay through the quarantine period. They will then go to waiting foster homes or stay at the center until it is their time for adoption or transport.

**Space:** Old Fella volunteers believe that the best places for our rescues, prior to adoption, are in foster homes. In the past, the numbers of lives saved have been limited to the number of spaces in those foster homes. This facility will provide additional space for the homeless dogs and cats in our community.



Cat situations like these are often seen throughout the CSRA. Feral cat colonies as well as homes where caring citizens, trying to help, are overwhelmed by the numbers of cats.

**Education:** The facility will provide our Humane Education Team more opportunities for public education. This could include story time for young children, hands-on demonstrations, field trips and even basic training sessions for animal owners needing assistance with their dogs.

**Adoption:** Finally, an animal friendly environment where Old Fella foster animals can meet potential adopters.



*Please help us be “Home for the Holidays.”*

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