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Angels Among Us Pet Rescue celebrates 5th anniversary More than 6,000 pets have been rescued with 500,000+ Fans Following

ATLANTA – In just five short years, Angels Among Us Pet Rescue, Inc. (AAUPR) has rescued over 6000 dogs and cats and accumulated over 500,000 Facebook Fans! An astounding fact when you consider that AAUPR is not funded by large corporate grants.

“The stories of the pets on social media has driven our funding,” explains co-founder LuAnn Farrell. “The average donation is \$20 which is used for rescued pets’ medical care. If we receive more funds than needed for that particular pet, it is put toward another rescued pet’s care.”

Founded in 2009, Angels Among Us Pet Rescue Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, is now the largest all volunteer, foster-based pet rescue in the Southeastern US. Currently there are 352 active fosters who parent the 500 or more dogs and cats in the program. The organization’s pet adoption rate is more than 40 per week. “The need to rescue pets from high kill shelters in Georgia is astronomical,” Ms. Farrell said. “Our ability to save more lives is limited only in our ability to find foster homes to care for them.”

AAUPR rescues all breeds of dogs from the pure bred to the pit mixes. Typically, the organization will take dogs that are in need of serious medical care. The group accepts abused dogs, disabled dogs, bait dogs (used in dog fight rings), elderly, cancer ridden, and pregnant dogs — all who would be on top of euthanasia list at county shelters. “Our hope is to rescue them, rehabilitate them and allow them to live out their lives in a loving home, pain free,” said Ms. Farrell.

‘Rescue One Until There Are None’ is the organization’s motto, according to Anne Clarke, Event & Marketing Director volunteer for AAUPR. With 94-cents of every dollar going to care for the animals, the organization has been able to rescue 1840 pets in 2014. The average veterinary bills, even with discounted services, have totaled \$150,000 each month in 2014. As such, the online/social media, fundraising is a constant and growing effort for AAUPR. In addition, the organization reaches out directly to the community with weekly adoption events, educational events and general fundraising events at local businesses.

To think, five years ago, two neighbors (LuAnn Farrell and Valerie Addington) rescued a couple dogs from an overcrowded high kill shelter. With little space in their homes, they began asking friends to open their home to foster or adopt these dogs. Their passion and commitment created broad volunteer support and Angels Among Us Pet Rescue, Inc. was born.

“We never dreamed the organization would be so large,” said Ms. Farrell. “Our mission was to save the pets and make others aware of the plight,” added Ms. Addington. “It has been amazing to see the wagging tails and children’s smiles as they add a new member of the family into their homes.”

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