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**Saving Lives of Homeless  
Dogs and Cats and  
Feeding Hungry Pets  
In Our Community**

## **Heidi's Hope For Homeless Animals' Pet Food Bank Donates a Tractor Trailer of Pet Beds to 7 North Carolina Animal Shelters**

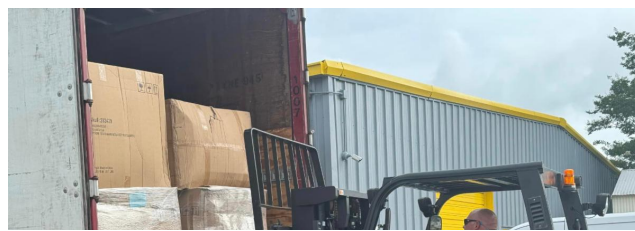


### **Christmas in July for Seven North Carolina Animal Shelters!**

It's Christmas in July for seven lucky North Carolina animal shelters, thanks to a fantastic donation from Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals Pet Food Bank! We're thrilled to announce that our Pet Food Bank has gifted an entire tractor trailer filled with high-quality pet beds to these deserving shelters, all thanks to a generous grant from Greater Good Charities. These cozy beds will bring so much joy and comfort to the animals as they wait for their forever homes. Here's a shoutout to the amazing shelters receiving these top-notch pet beds:

- **New Hanover Sheriff's Office Animal Services Unit**
- **Brunswick Sheriff's Animal Services**
- **Onslow County Animal Services**
- **Sampson County Animal Services**
- **Columbus County Animal Shelter**
- **Onslow County United Way**
- **Craven-Pamlico Animal Shelter**

These incredible shelters work tirelessly to care for and find homes for homeless pets. With these new comfy beds, they can offer a snug, secure space for animals to relax and feel at home while waiting for their forever families. These pet beds aren't just making shelter dogs and cats extra cozy while they wait for adoption in a good home—they're also helping to boost adoptions! Many shelters will be offering the pet beds to promote pet adoptions! By showcasing these comfy beds, the



promote pet adoptions: By showcasing these comfy beds, the shelters will be able to highlight just how wonderful it is for pets to settle in and feel at home, making it easier for them to find loving families.

Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals' mission is to support adoption and advocate for homeless animals, helping them find the loving homes they deserve. We're overjoyed to spread some extra comfort and cheer to our local shelters and make a paw-sitive difference in our community.

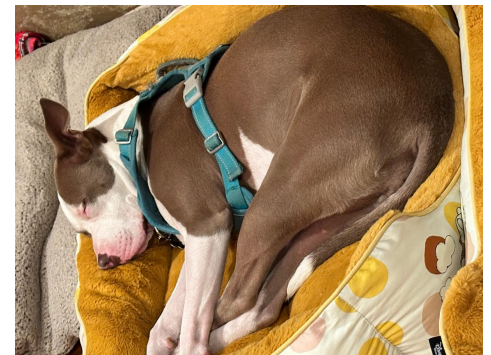
Here's to making our furry friends' days a bit brighter and their nights a lot cozier!



*Beds, Besties, Bliss*



*Pampered in Pet Bed Paradise*



*Shelter Dog Sleeping Soundly  
in new Pet Bed*



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# about Homeless Animals

## Summer Safety for Your Furry Friend in The Dog Days of Summer

Summertime is all about fun in the sun with our furry friends, but keeping them safe in the heat is key to a worry-free season. The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) has some pawesome tips to help you and your pet make the most of summer while staying cool and comfortable.

First things first, prep is crucial! Before you hit the road or head outdoors, chat with your vet about any summer risks and how to keep your pet safe during travels. Even on mild days, keep fresh water and shade handy to protect your pet from overheating.

And don't forget to shield them from pesky bugs like fleas, ticks, and heartworm—your vet can hook you up with the best prevention tips!

When you're chilling at home, make sure your place is pet-safe in the heat. If you're running errands, leave your pet at home in the cool comfort of your home—cars can turn into ovens real quick! Remember to never leave them in a parked car. Knowing the signs of heat stress is clutch—your vet can clue you in on what to watch for.

To keep your pet feeling cool, think about their comfort in the heat. What's comfy for you might be scorching for them, especially if they have a furry coat. Plan walks and playtime for cooler parts of the day, and watch out for hot surfaces like sizzling sidewalks that can toast their paws. If your dog's fur is extra thick, ask your vet if a summer trim.

Hot pavement can pose a significant risk to dogs, especially during warmer months. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), asphalt and concrete can heat up quickly under the sun, reaching temperatures that can burn dogs' paw pads. When the air temperature is 77°F (25°C), asphalt can reach temperatures as high as 125°F (52°C) in just one hour.

These high temperatures can cause pain, burns, *(continued)*

and potentially permanent damage to dogs' sensitive paw pads. It's essential for pet owners to be cautious and mindful of pavement temperature before taking their dogs for walks. Walking during cooler parts of the day, such as early morning or late evening, and sticking to shaded or grassy areas can help protect dogs from the dangers of hot pavement. Providing protective booties or paw wax can also provide an additional layer of defense against burns and ensure dogs can enjoy outdoor activities safely.

When it's time to play, be smart about exercise in the summer heat. Ask your vet before starting any new routines, especially for overweight pals or those with snub noses. Skip the heat of the day for outdoor fun and bring plenty of water for both of you to stay hydrated.

And don't forget your garden and yard! Make sure any plants your pet might nibble on are pet-safe—some common ones can be a dangerous for them. Keep lawn care products out of reach and tell lawn services about your pets to avoid any accidental chemical run-ins. And steer clear of cocoa bean mulch—it's tasty to them but can be extremely harmful.

With these easy tips and a little summer smarts, you and your pet can have fun all season long. Stay cool, stay safe, and enjoy those sunny days together!

### Interested in Adopting This Sweet Dog Who Has Been at the Shelter for Three Months?

Hello, hound lovers!  
I've been at the shelter  
almost three months.  
Does anyone know of a good  
home for me?  
They call me a  
happy-go-lucky girl.  
I love to play and get petted.  
They think I'm about six  
years old.

Since I do speak the  
language of hounds,  
I will bark to greet you  
(with my tail wagging).

Love,  
A486618



**Ready To Adopt Your New Best Friend?  
Check Out These Sites for Adoptable Pets**

## In Need of Good Homes:

You can't change a rescue dog's past, but you can rewrite his future.

Rescue does not mean damaged.

It means they have been let down by humans.

**Please Make Adoption Your Only Option!**

- [New Hanover Sheriff's Office Animal Services Unit](#)
- [PawPrints Magazine by PawPrints Magazine](#) -
- [More Adoption Options and Pet Resources](#)
- [PetFinder](#)
- [Adopt-a-Pet](#)

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Saving Homeless Dogs and Cats and  
Filling Pets' Bowls with  
Food and Hope!*

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134,155 LBS. of pet food. We created a unique coalition of local governmental agencies and human charitable organizations to provide pet food to the most food insecure. We expanded our Pet Food Bank and Pet Meals On Wheels Chapters in Onslow, Pender and Brunswick Counties. WoofStock, adopts at-risk dogs and cats. Our Disaster Relief Programs filled three tractor trailers with pet food to hurricane-impacted areas from Hurricanes Maria; Florence and Dorian. We sent two crates of pet food to help Hurricane Ian pet victims. We sent five pallets of pet food to war-torn Ukraine. We are committed to saving the lives of homeless dogs and cats and will not stop until all dogs and cats have good homes!



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