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

# New Partner Expansion Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals' Pet Meals on Wheels



Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals is excited to expand our **Pet Meals on Wheels** program with a fantastic new partnership with **86HungerNow**! This collaboration will bring premium Rachael Ray Nutrish dog and cat food to the pets of Wilmington residents who are working hard but still struggling to make ends meet. Founded by the inspiring Chef David Scott, *(continued)* 

# All Animals Invited Blessing of the Animals

In honor of St. Francis Day, Join us on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church,16 N 16th St, Wilmington, for Blessing of the Animals. All of God's creation are welcome. Join us for the Blessing of the Animals—where every wag, purr, and chirp receives a touch of love and a sprinkle of blessings! Let's honor the incredible joy our furry, feathery, and scaly friends bring into our lives!

86HungerNow is dedicated to serving those who are often overlooked by other assistance programs, ensuring they have access to nutritious meals. Chef Scott, who deeply understands the challenges of food insecurity, is on a mission to help families make ends by providing chef-quality meals to those in need in our community. Together, Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals' *Pet Meals on Wheels* and **86HungerNow** is making a huge difference by supporting both people and their beloved furry companions, turning a challenging situation into a positive opportunity for the whole community!

Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals' *Pet Meals On Wheels* program started in 2018 and is a vibrant partnership between Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals and the New Hanover County Senior Resource Center. We have expanded our Pet Meals on Wheels programs to Onslow, Pender and Brunswick counties to provide pet food for the pets of homebound Senior Citizens.

Approximately 60% of seniors who receive Meals on Wheels share their homes with pets. Many seniors find themselves in a position where they have to share their meals with their furry friends due to financial constraints. For these seniors, their pets are more than companions—they're a vital source of joy and emotional support. *Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals' Pet Meals On Wheels* program ensures their pets receive the nutrition they deserve, with an abundance of pet food and essential supplies like beds, treats, and toys.

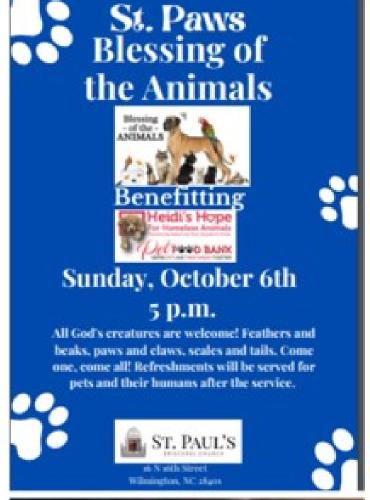
## A Very Special Thank You to Our Generous Sponsors!

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our supporters who help feed hungry dogs and cats in our community!

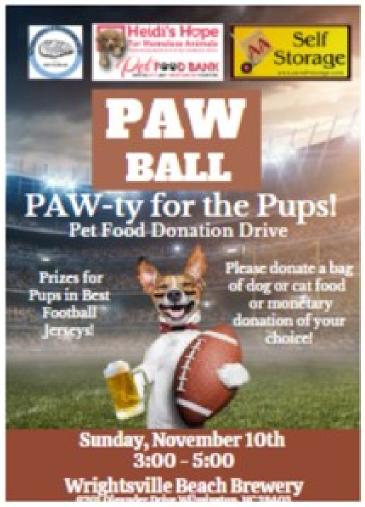
Your generosity makes a tremendous difference in their lives, and we truly couldn't do it without you! Together, we're creating a brighter future for so many furry friends.

Thank you for your amazing support!

Save the Date for Our FUN-Raising Events for Heidi's Hope For Homeless Animals' Pet Food Bank

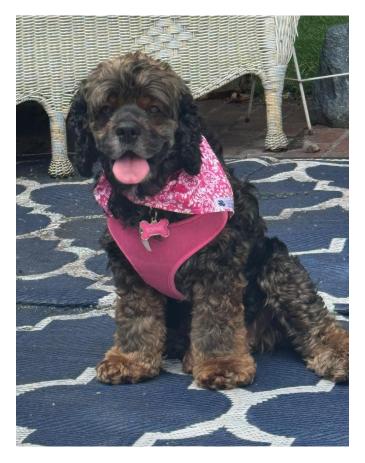








Sophie's Journey: A Heartwarming Update!



Sophie's transformation is truly spectacular! After spending seven long years as a breeding dog, she's finally found her forever home with our Founder, Trish, and it's been six weeks filled with pure happiness!

Sophie absolutely adores car rides and is completely obsessed with her squeaky toys—she can't resist giving them a good squeak! And her housekeeping skills are top-notch: every time Trish puts her toys in the toybox, Sophie quickly pulls them out to make sure they're right where they belong—on the floor!



(click to watch video above)

She's diving into her new life with enthusiasm, mastering daily leash walks that sometimes stretch up to two miles! Plus, she's shining in her dog training class, proving she's the top pup even in private sessions. Her personality is blossoming, and her daily "Sophie Roll"—the cutest happy dance you'll ever see—brings smiles all around!

Sophie is a bundle of joy, filling our lives with laughter and fun, and we can't wait to enjoy many more wonderful years together!



### **Remembering Cooper**

This month marks one year ago that we lost our beloved Cooper. As many of you know, Cooper was a rescue dog who spent his life helping fellow animals in need. We aim to continue his legacy by providing a helping paw to our furry friends in need. We believe that every animal deserves a warm bed, a full belly, and a loving family, and we won't stop until we achieve this goal. We look forward to the positive impact that *Cooper Cares* will



I made a promise to Cooper that, as a tribute to his memory, I will establish *Cooper Cares*, a section under our Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals. It will evolve over time and the mission will be toward helping animals in need, just as Cooper did throughout his life. The mission of *Cooper Cares* will be to fulfill Cooper's dream of finding loving forever homes for every dog and cat and feeding hungry pets in need. I believe that this is the best way to celebrate and honor Cooper's life and

have on animals in need. *Cooper Cares* will keep Cooper's spirit alive by making a difference in the lives of animals in need. (continued) keep his spirit alive. As the Chief Canine Officer (CCO) of Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals, Inc. who dedicated his life to helping his fellow dogs and cats in need, Cooper would want it this way. Cooper will always be our CCO, and he will live on in our hearts forever.

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
- More Adoption Options and Pet Resources
- PetFinder
- Adopt-a-Pet

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Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals, Inc. is a 501 (c) organization that is an intake organization who helps pets at risk of euthanasia and helps prevent owner surrender. The Bow Wow Luau & The Cat's Meow® has donated over \$70,000.00 to reduce shelter euthanasia. Our Pet Food Bank prevents owner surrenders and has donated 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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