

# Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals, Inc. 2024: A Year of Impact for Animal Advocacy

2024 has been a remarkable year for animal advocacy through Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals, filled with milestones and accomplishments made possible by the unwavering support of our community. Together, we have impacted the lives of countless animals, expanded our reach, and made significant strides in animal advocacy. Here's a look at the key moments of 2024:

# **January**

## Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals' Pet Food Bank Receives 46 Pallets of Rachael Ray NuTrish

Our year began with a generous donation of 46 pallets of Rachael Ray Nutrish, totaling 36,967 lbs. of pet food, helping to stock our Pet Food Bank for the months ahead.

# **February**

## **Filling Bowls Across Nine Counties**

We distributed pallets of Rachael Ray Nutrish pet food to pet owners and shelters across nine counties: New Hanover, Brunswick, Onslow, Pender, Columbus, Sampson, Craven, Pamlico, and Bladen, ensuring pets in need had food to eat.

#### March

#### **Feeding Pets in Need Across Our Community**

Through partnerships with local organizations, we continued to feed hungry pets across our service area. Key partners included:

- Brunswick County Sheriff's Office Animal Shelter
- Share the Table
- Southport Oak Island Inter-Fellowship Food Pantry
- United Way of Onslow County
- Operation TopCat, Good Shepherd Center, and many more.

# **April**

# Monthly Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals' Pet Food Bank Partnerships:

Our Pet Food Bank distributes pet food and supplies monthly to those in need.

- Mother Hubbard's Cupboard
- Department of Social Services (DSS)
- St. Jude's Food Ministry
- The Harrelson Center Help Hub
- Good Shepherd House and Good Shepherd Ministries First Fruit Ministries
- The Salvation Army, Cape Fear Area, serving five counties



And Many More

# May

#### Celebrating 15 Years of The Bow Wow Luau & The Cat's Meow®

We celebrated 15 years of The Bow Wow Luau & The Cat's Meow®, our annual fundraising event that has raised and donated over \$75,000 to support the rescue and care of homeless dogs and cats in our community. This milestone reflects the incredible generosity of our supporters and the lasting impact of their contributions on the lives of countless animals.

#### **June**

#### **National No More Homeless Pets Conference**

Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals attended the Best Friends Animal Society's National No More Homeless Pets Conference in Orlando, where we joined other advocates working towards a future where every stray pet finds a loving home.

# **July**

#### **Received an Entire Tractor Trailer of Chewy Pet Beds**

Our Pet Food Bank received a full tractor trailer from Greater Good Charities, loaded with 26 pallets of Chewy pet beds, providing comfort to pets in need across the community.

# **August**

#### **Pet Bed Distribution to 7 Shelters**

We donated the 26 pallets of Chewy pet beds to seven animal shelters across North Carolina, including:

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

# September

#### **Expanded Heidi's Hope Pet Meals On Wheels Program**

Our Pet Meals on Wheels program expanded with a new partnership with 86HungerNow, allowing us to help even more housebound senior citizens care for their pets. Since 2018, we've been working with New Hanover County Senior Services to provide food for seniors and their pets.

# **Hurricane Helene Relief**

In the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, we donated 16,000 lbs. of pet food and 88 pet beds to help pets in Western North Carolina.



#### **October**

#### **More Hurricane Relief**

We received another tractor trailer filled with 26 pallets of Chewy pet food and supplies, which were distributed to pets in Western North Carolina affected by Hurricane Helene.

#### **November**

# Donated 40,000 lbs. of Pet Food to Help Hurricane-Impacted Pets in Western NC

Our Pet Food Bank received and distributed a tractor trailer loaded with 44 pallets of Purina pet food, totaling over 40,000 lbs., to support hurricane-affected pets in Western North Carolina.

## **December**

#### **Launched Microchip Scanning Stations**

We launched New Hanover County's first-ever Microchip Scanning Stations, aimed at helping reunite lost pets with their owners. We began with three stations, with plans to expand this initiative to help even more pets find their way home.

# **Looking Ahead to 2025**

2024 has been an incredible year of growth, progress, and compassion, but our mission is far from complete. There are still many animals in need of our support, and we rely on the continued generosity of our community to carry out our work.

As we look forward to 2025, we are excited to build on our successes, expand our programs, and make an even greater impact on the lives of animals in our community. Together, we can ensure that every pet has a loving home, a full belly, and a bright future.

# Thank You for Your Lifesaving Support!

# Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals Providing Hope to Homeless Pets

Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals is a 501(c)(3) organization committed to saving the lives of homeless dogs and cats and working towards a time when all dogs and cats have good homes. Our programs are aimed at the most vulnerable and those at risk of euthanasia. From Homeless to a Home...that is our mission until there is a time when there are no more homeless or abused dogs and cats. We won't stop until every dog and cat has a good home!

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