



Who are The Animal Advocates?

Established in 2005, The Animal Advocates is a non-profit rescue organization that supports the animals of Barnwell County and the Barnwell County Animal Shelter. We are dedicated to reducing the number of stray, starving, abused and diseased animals, thus reducing the need for euthanasia in our community. Our mission is to place these animals in stable and loving permanent homes; to promote and provide spay/neuter in order to reduce the animal population; and to make the public aware by educating the community on the proper care and treatment of all animals.

Since June of 2006, we have funded a low cost/no cost spay/neuter clinic to provide surgeries at reduced or no cost to pet owners who cannot afford the full cost of these surgeries. When funding is available, we also hand out vouchers for free spay/neuter surgeries to targeted areas in our community.

The Animal Advocates own and operate The Pick of the Litter Shoppe, a thrift store, which sells new and/or gently used items donated by the public. Proceeds generated from the sale of all items go towards funding our low cost/no cost spay/neuter and voucher program as well as generating a constant stream of revenue to cover other programs, such as our foster/adoption program, Twig Fund, Huts for Mutts program, and our operating costs.

In 2008, The Animal Advocates purchased 13.5 acres of land on which to build our future Foster/Adoption Center and we began raising funds to meet our goal. Our long time vision to build a “no-kill for space” facility for the homeless animals in Barnwell County came to fruition when we opened the doors to our Friends for Life Center (F4LC) in April 2013. Our F4LC allows us to pull many dogs and cats into rescue from the Barnwell County Shelter thereby helping to solve the over-population crisis in our county and over-crowding at our county shelter while giving the deserving animals in our community a second chance at life.

As we move forward, we need your continued support to achieve our goals and truly make a difference. Please join The Animal Advocates in being the voice for these helpless animals. By making a tax deductible gift today, you can ensure that cats and dogs in our county will no longer have to face uncertain and sad futures...

TOGETHER, we CAN make a difference!

Vikki Scott, President

A Friend for Life